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"I have made a lot of friends in my two years here at EC, and I think these will be my lifelong friends. They have made me realize the value of friendship."

— Willie McClelland

"ECCC has had a major impact on my life in that it has not only prepared me for senior college but has helped me to be prepared for life in the complex world of a new century."

Apryl Hendon

"Being a part of the Warrior band is very enjoyable for me. Being in the band gets me involved in campus activities such as pep rallies and ballgames, and it makes me feel a part of a close-knit group."

— Rodney Bost

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Going for the Gold

Always the gentleman, David Ezell assists Centralette Deanna Risher with her cape as the members of the Big Gold Band prepare to march to the field for another superb halftime show.

The color gold has played a significant part in the history of East Central Community College. The college colors have been black and gold since 1928; the college has already celebrated its golden anniversary; and it has been the institution's continuing purpose to offer "golden opportunities" to all students. Therefore, in 1992, an Olympic Year, the yearbook staff continues the golden tradition by adopting the theme "Going for the Gold."

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A Band of Gold

"Has anyone seen my keys?" Ask any band member about Tom Carson, and he or she will most likely think about that question. Carson, band director at East Central, does an excellent job of directing the band program, despite the fact that his keys stay lost much of the time.

Students like Tom Carson; he's an interesting teacher as well as a demanding director. And above all, it is evident that he enjoys what he does.

In an interview at the close of football season, during which time his band had performed what have been labeled as "the finest band shows ever presented on this field," Carson had this to say.

"A lot of students support the marching band, and that interest is spilling over into concert band and choir. Taking a class like music appreciation many times helps students see that a band show or a choir concert doesn't just happen. It takes a lot of hard work."

Band members do receive some scholarship assistance, but most admit that this is not their major reason for being in the band. Students see it as a break from the routine of college studies and as a chance to be a part of a strong, closeknit group. Most follow Carson's advice: "Do your best, but have fun doing it."

Through the years, the band has seen a number of changes. When Carson came to East Central, there was a marching band but no concert or jazz band, no blues band, and no Collegians. "We have attempted to expand to offer a number of different types of performing groups to suit all musical tastes," Carson stated.

This year's marching band, composed of 74 members and four managers, is possibly the best ever fielded at the college. The growth in size and the recent addition of new uniforms are two evidences of how the band has changed. "Another change is that I've gained about thirty pounds, and I have more gray hair," Carson joked.

Asked to relate his most memorable experience with the band, Carson answered, "I always remember the enthusiasm of the group, and this year's band is eager to try new and more difficult things which make a show better."

Band students feel the same way about their director. Scotty Scott, a band manager from Leake Academy, said, "The band is definitely a great experience that I'll never forget. It's hard work, but when you see the show developing, it's worth it."

As in any group that spends a lot of time together, the band has its share of "not so serious" times. For example, there was the time Carson left his truck running and went to class. Finding the truck running, students moved it to another place on campus, and their director was convinced that he had forgotten where he parked it.

Keith Johnson and Mark Branning, two important parts of the drum line, take part in one of the highly acclaimed halftime shows which the Warrior Band performed this year.

The 1991 version of the Centralettes included (front) Misty Comet, Cindy Sharp, Nicki Ivy, Amy Ladd, Kim Shirley; (Row 2) Sydney Leonard, Angie Crosby, Mem Giles, Dawn Jones, Julie Pair, Angel Truett; (Row 3) Shay Sellers, Lynda Kelly, Melanie Wilcher, Deanna Risher, Christina Wood, and Tina Davis.

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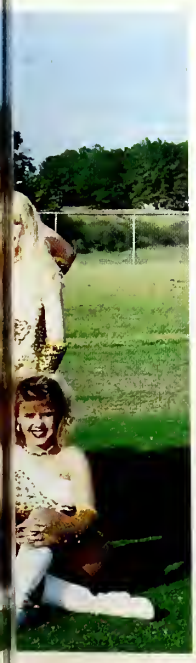
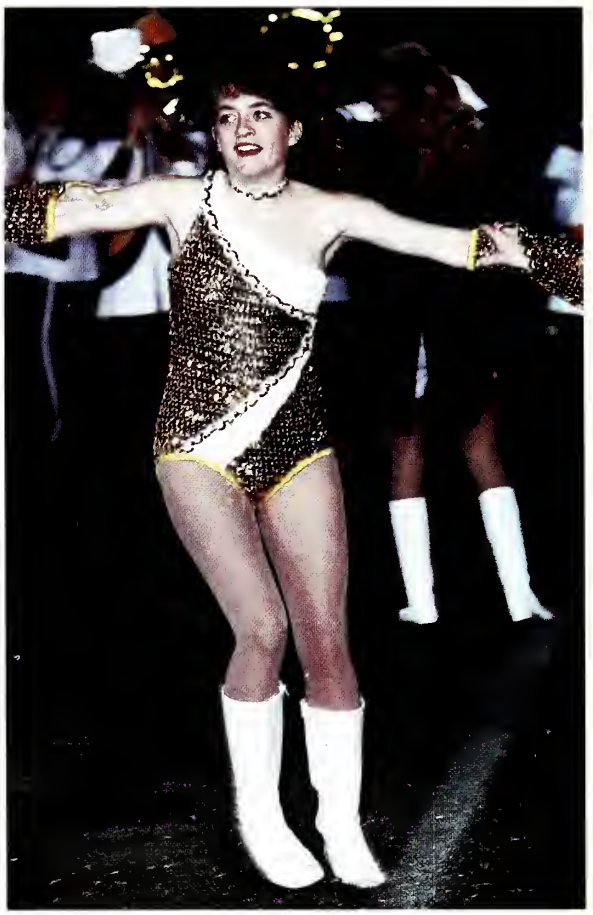
Centralette Lynda Kelly awaits the count to begin another halftime show. Centralettes agreed that the praise they received made the hard work seem easier.

Kim Griffin, in her second year as EC Drum Major, spent hours preparing for each show in addition to studying in the difficult curriculum of pre-pharmacy.



Tenor saxophonist Mary Ann Bamberg, a Decatur freshman, enjoyed her first year as a member of the Warrior Band. Sophomores in the band serve as role models for freshmen like Mary Ann.

"Will I make this next kick?" sophomore Centralette Syndey Leonard seems to ask herself during a performance. Intense concentration is a big requirement for being a successful Centralette.



Rodney Bost gets into the spirit of the toga pep rally by wrapping himself in his sheet. Band members contributed greatly to the upbeat atmosphere of the pep rallies.

Fitness: Not Olympic Gold

Nick Pouncey serves as spotter for classmate Donnie Hall as Donnie works with the dumbbells. Both students are freshmen from Decatur.

The Wellness and Fitness movement which has been building momentum across the U.S. has come of age at East Central.

During both semesters this year, forty students, largely non-athletes, met twice a week to develop strength, flexibility and cardio-vascular pulmonary conditioning.

According to instructor Lucille Wood, students in the class learn to apply such terms as aerobic, anaerobic, isotonic, and isometric. Terms which previously held only vague meaning take on value as students participate in the various exercises and conditioning techniques.

The fitness classes have steadily increased in popularity as students become more aware of the increased health benefits from such a program. This year, both sections of fitness were closed well before the opening of school in the fall, due to advance registration interest.

According to instructor Wood, her responsibility as instructor is to help each individual assume responsibility for his or her own fitness program.

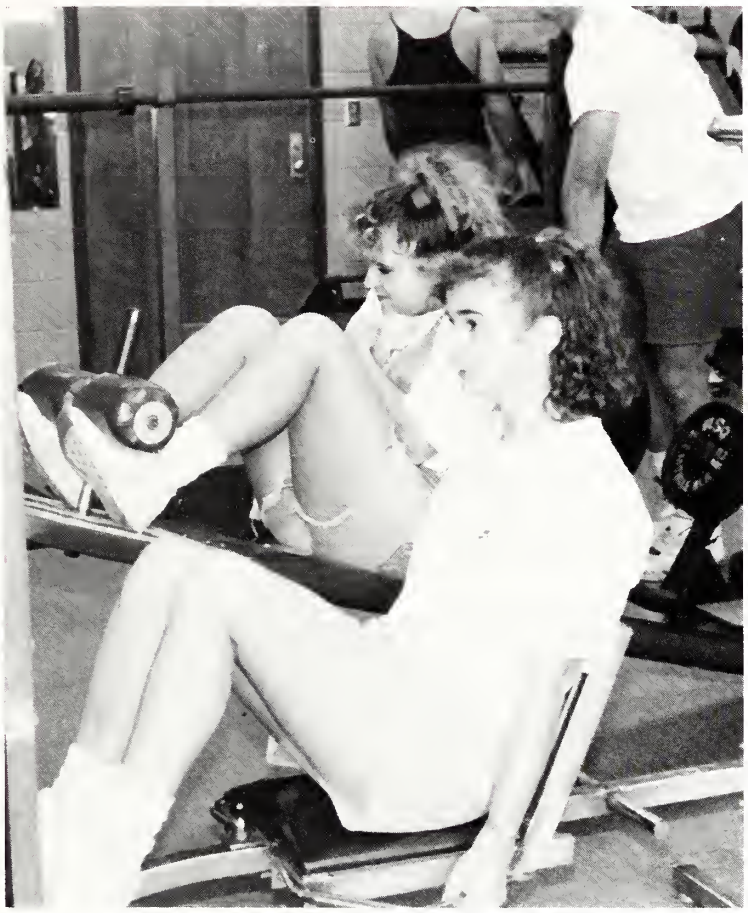
A good fitness program must do three things: build strength, flexibility, and cardio-vascular strength, all the while taking individual differences into consideration. — Lucille Wood

Fitness Class Schedule

Jog two laps
8 minutes - stretching exercise
30 minutes - weight machine, free weights dumb bells
5 minutes - stretching with stretching sticks
12 minutes - run and jog
2 minutes - jump ropes
Cool down

Expected outcomes from fitness program:
- Lowered blood pressure
- Lowered pulse rate
- Improved muscle tone
- More flexibility
- Pulmonary efficiency
- Stress retardation
- Socialization with others
- Mental knowledge
- Appreciation for excellence
- Better image of self
- Self-discipline

Just a Personal Goal



Chasity Young (background) practices situps on the incline board while classmate Lela Ladner works on leg presses. Both students signed up for fitness as a part of their own personal desire to build a lifelong habit of remaining physically fit.

Bryan Booker, Patrick King, Gary McPhail (back row), Chris Bright, Candis Coghlan, and Scott Ryder (front row) begin their twice-weekly jogging routine. The class begins with jogging approximately one-half mile but builds up to a full mile before the end of the semester.

Although they consider themselves "just students like everybody else," most of the student body have a special admiration for this group of students. They are those students who, ten years ago, would have been labeled "handicapped," but who now are thought of as students who possess special abilities.

Take Mendy Smith for example. After a debilitating automobile accident before her junior year in high school, Mendy not only returned and finished high school but has found a special place among the students at East Central. The high regard in which she is held was proved when the student body chose her as a Freshman Maid in the Homecoming election.

"I was so nervous on Homecoming Day," Mendy said. "All of my family was here, and so many of my friends came up to me and said nice things. It was a really special day."

Another prominent example of a student with "special abilities" is Tammy Grant. Tammy has been in a wheel-chair for several years but did not let that deter her from enrolling in a computer technology course at East Central. During the summer of 1991, she attended special therapy classes at the Methodist Rehabilitation Center to help her cope even better with her surroundings.

In August, 1991, the vocational-technical building became the last building on campus to be equipped with restroom facilities for those with handicapping conditions. East Central is making every effort not just to accept handicapped students but to go out and actively seek them out and let them know that the college has something to offer them.

Having Justin in the band has been a great experience both for the band members and for me. —Tom Carson, Director

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Just Students

Moving across the campus
Under their own power;
Walking onto the field,
A Maid smiles with joy.
Coming to class to learn
Just like any other
Their only desire.

Not wanting to be different
Not wanting to be special
Just students
Wanting acceptance
Wanting friendship
Like any other
Their only desire.

— J. C. Howell
Creative Writing Class

These students Shine like Gold

Frederick Bell appears somewhat apprehensive as he prepares to ascend the lift to second floor of Newton Hall. Other students are helpful in assisting special people on and off if they need a hand.

Freshman band member Justin Fisher of Union takes his customary place at the xylophone during a half-time show.

Mendy Smith arrives at class via the lift installed for use by students who have difficulty with stairs. Each student has his or her own key to the lift and can come and go without assistance.

Arriving at school from her home in Conehatta, Tammy Grant descends from the specially equipped van which brings both her and Frederick to school every day.

Pitcher Jerry Dupuy takes a turn at bat in a fall baseball game. Dupuy, a Phi Theta Kappa student from Louisiana, has been involved in baseball all his life and has found being a part of East Central's team to be a good experience.

Warriors Take Pride in Wearing the Golden Spikes

Baseball. America's favorite pastime for the last 100 years, and according to East Central baseball coach Jamie Clark, also a favorite pastime at East Central.

Since coming to East Central four years ago, Coach Clark has seen student interest in baseball rise on the campus. "I've felt like I've seen baseball fall in line with other sports. Twenty-five to forty kids try out each fall, and that's an indication of the kind of interest we're seeing in baseball here at EC," Clark said.

Baseball is a prime factor in most of the players who come to East Central, but Clark stresses that education has to take priority. "We want baseball to reflect the image of East Central, which is good sportsmanship, good academics, and a good work ethic. These are characteristics we see in faculty and staff, and they are the traits we want to maintain on the baseball field," the coach continued.

East Central's overall attitude about baseball is a positive one and has been one of the driving forces in building a successful program. The players love the game and always have a good time, win or lose.

Some of the outstanding players who reported in the fall as sophomores to serve as team leaders including Jake Yarbrough of Union; Fabian Huddleston, Newton; Jerry Dupuy and Trampas Amadee, both from Louisiana.

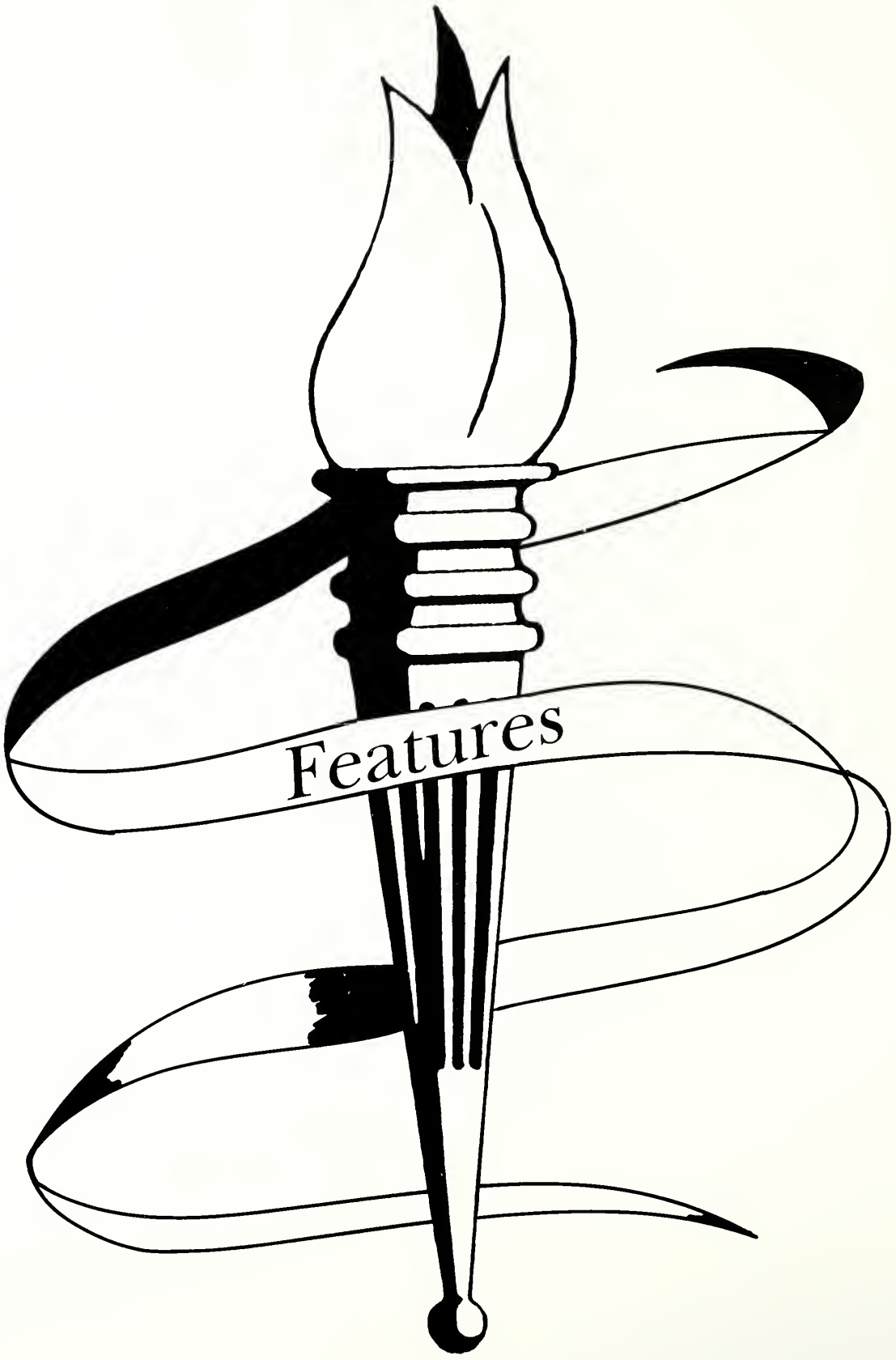
When asked about these returning lettermen, Coach Clark replied, "These are the guys that we are looking at to carry us into the '92 season."

In summing up his feelings about baseball at East Central, Clark said, "We haven't won any championships yet, but we feel that we're heading in the right direction. Our guys want to win more than anything, but we want to do it the right way."

Sophomore standout pitcher Fabian Huddleston from Newton lets fly with his best curve ball and grimaces just to make sure it hits the strike zone.

Catcher Derrick Glenn is caught in motion, seconds after releasing a throw to second base. Major league playoffs and the World Series contributed to baseball fever on the campus during the fall season.

Freshman Doug Williams, who participated in the fall baseball program, takes a swing in a practice game.


Features

Sophomore Wendy Ellis of Carthage looks over the choices in the Homecoming election. The number and variety of signs around campus indicated a keen interest in the campaign.

The Golden Touch

Homecoming. Returning home. Old friends and good memories. For some current students, Homecoming might not mean much more than just another football game and perhaps more school spirit than usual.

For most students, however, and for all the alumni who return, Homecoming is a chance to think about the wonderful memories of college and a chance to renew acquaintances with old friends.

Homecoming is a special time — a time for people to return to their roots. This year, the class of 1941 received their golden diplomas, and listening to them talk about life at East Central during World War II made even the most cynical students feel their love for East Central.

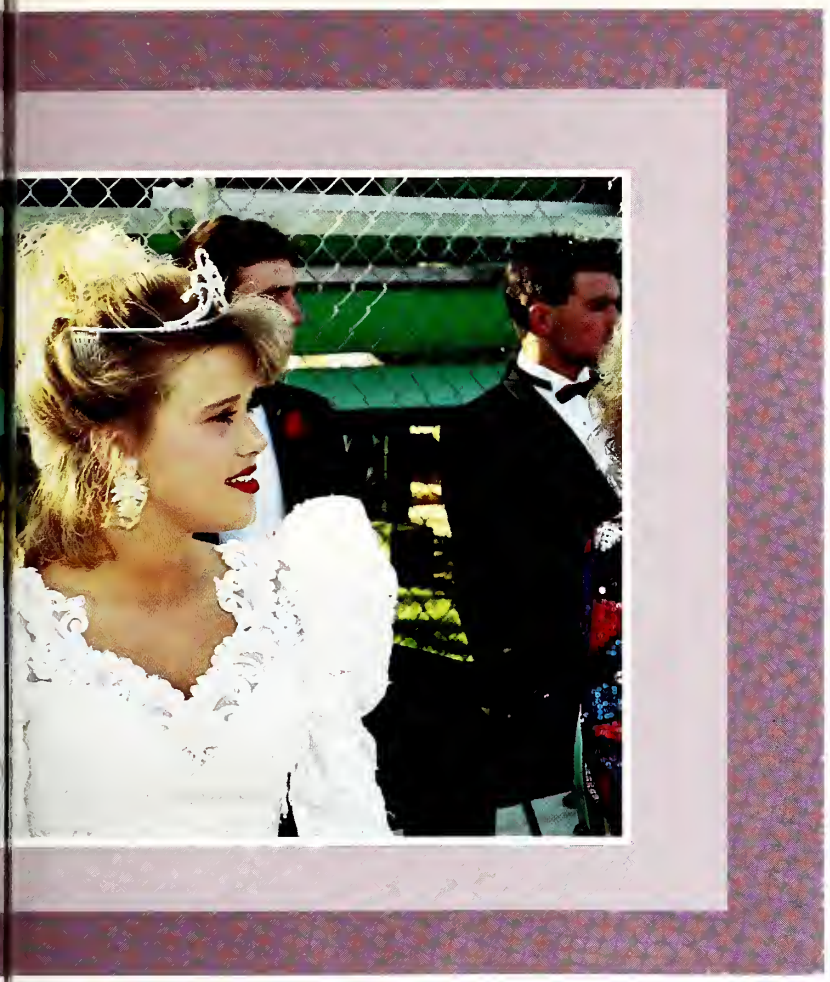
Homecoming '91 used the theme of "You're the One in '91," and throughout the week activities were carried out to promote that theme. Even at the annual pep rally as one eager student exercised his privilege of throwing a pie at a cheerleader, he was heard to exclaim, "You're the one in '91."

Homecoming at any school is a special occasion. At East Central, it seems even more so. It proved, once and for all, that one indeed can go home again!

Homecoming: We're The

Members of the Homecoming Court for 1991 included: (seated) Freshmen maids Mendy Smith, Merri Giles and Rebecca Vanderporten; Maid of Honor Tam Cooper; Homecoming Queen Kimberly Shirley; and Freshman Maids Ginger Buckley, Amy Fussell, and Apryl Hendon. Escorts (from left) are Kirk Weems, Jay Fortenberry, Jason Mangrum, Matt Strum, Keith Johnson, Monte Suggs, Jason Wright, and David Martin.

Always smiling, Ginger Buckely, a sophomore from Columbus, formerly of Enterprise, enjoys the beauty of Homecoming Day and being part of the Homecoming Court.



Queen Kimberly Shirley of Forest, a sophomore theater major, enjoys a pensive moment on the queen's dias prior to her crowning. "Homecoming week will always remain one of the high points of my life," she said.

A special treat at Homecoming was the trumpet solo by Decatur sophomore Sidney McNeil.

One in '91!

Fellow sophomores, fellow SBA officers, and members of the Homecoming Court, Maid of Honor Tam Cooper and escort Matt Strum take the traditional walk across midfield.

Freshman center Chris Eriksen prepares to center the ball in the '91 Homecoming game against Southwest. In recent years, the Homecoming game has been played in the afternoon, a change which has pleased both students and alumni.

Golden Memories of a Golden Afternoon

President Eddie M. Smith crowns 1991's Homecoming Queen Kimberly Shirley. The queen was escorted by Keith Johnson. At right is Henry B. Hudspeth, Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Mu Alpha Theta, national mathematics honor society, was the first place winner in this year's display sign contest. Mu Alpha Theta is sponsored by math instructor Lois McMullan.

Freshman Maid Mendy Smith of Philadelphia is escorted across the field by Kirk Weems, a freshman from Newton.

Obviously enjoying the day, Freshman Maids Merri Giles and Rebecca Vanderporten catch a breath between activities of the day. Rebecca has managed to get her hands on a Coke, which on a warm afternoon was a lifesaver.

"Wait a minute; this strand of hair is out of place," best friend and fellow Sophomore Maid Ginger Buckley tells Amy Fussell. The errant strand was soon back in place, in time for the traditional march across the field at halftime.

Mr. & Miss ECCC

Trampas Amedee & Tam Cooper

Tam and Trampas, like most other students, have made friends at EC which will last throughout their lifetime.

One characteristic of students who are selected as Mr. and Miss EC is their friendly nature. As is evident from this photo, Trampas and Tam enjoy a good time.

The home of EC faculty member Mrs. Lilia Briseno formed the perfect background for this year's Mr. and Miss EC photos. Here, Trampas and Tam pose before the Briseno's stone fireplace.

A smile is the first thing people notice about Tam Cooper of Decatur, this year's Miss ECCC. She greets everyone with a smile, even when there doesn't seem to be much to smile about.

A "people" oriented person, Tam has spent a busy two years at EC. She has been involved in so many campus activities that her mother sometimes complained that Tam spent more time at EC than she did at home.

A glance through this yearbook will reveal just some of the contributions Tam has made to East Central during her two years here.

Mr. EC, Trampas Amedee, came to EC last year from St. Amant, La., to play baseball. He quickly made friends and became involved in other activities as well as baseball.

Elected by his fellow players as team captain for 1992, Trampas, like Tam, is an outstanding scholar, maintaining a high GPA while taking part in activities which have enriched campus life for the past two years.

Nick Pouncey *Vicky Nixon* *Kirk Weems*
Rebecca Vanderporten *Jennifer Anderson*

Freshman Class Favorites

Not pictured: Jason Mangu

Sophomore Class Favorites

Ken McMullan
Nicole Flint

Jerry Dupuy
Lynda Kelly

Keith Johnson
Kim Shirley

The Winning Look of EC Beauty

What's it like being backstage moments before the annual East Central beauty pageant? "Controlled chaos" is how one veteran observer of the EC scene put it.

"You can tell the girls are nervous and excited and there is some chatter. But basically they are just putting last minute touches on their makeup or hair or dresses and reassuring one another," this faculty observer stated. "I always feel really bad because I know that at the end there can be only one winner. And they all look so pretty."

Even this year's judges commented on the difficulty of their decision. Virginia Pace, who escorted the judges to and from the auditorium, remarked that she heard one judge say that he was happy they were using a strict point system because otherwise he didn't think he could make the decision.

Shelby Harris, EC mathematics chairman, served as official accountant for the pageant. "The points were close," Harris commented. "Even I didn't know who the top ten, top five, and winner would be until the last sheets were tallied."

⬇Freshman Merri Giles flashes her best smile for the judges. Merri is a freshman from Lake.

⬆Sophomores Melanie Wilcher, Brooke Smith, and Wendy Ellis lend one another a helping hand minutes before the pageant began.

➡Nikki Ivy receives a pleasant surprise in the form of balloons just before the pageant opens. Angel Truett looks on as Nikki reads the card.

⬆Top ten finalists in the pageant included Shae Sellers, Wendy Ellis, Christina Wood, Lori Rogers, Julie Pair; (Row 2) Lynda Kelly, Brooke Smith, Stephanie Wiley, Rachel Robinson, and Nikki Ivy.

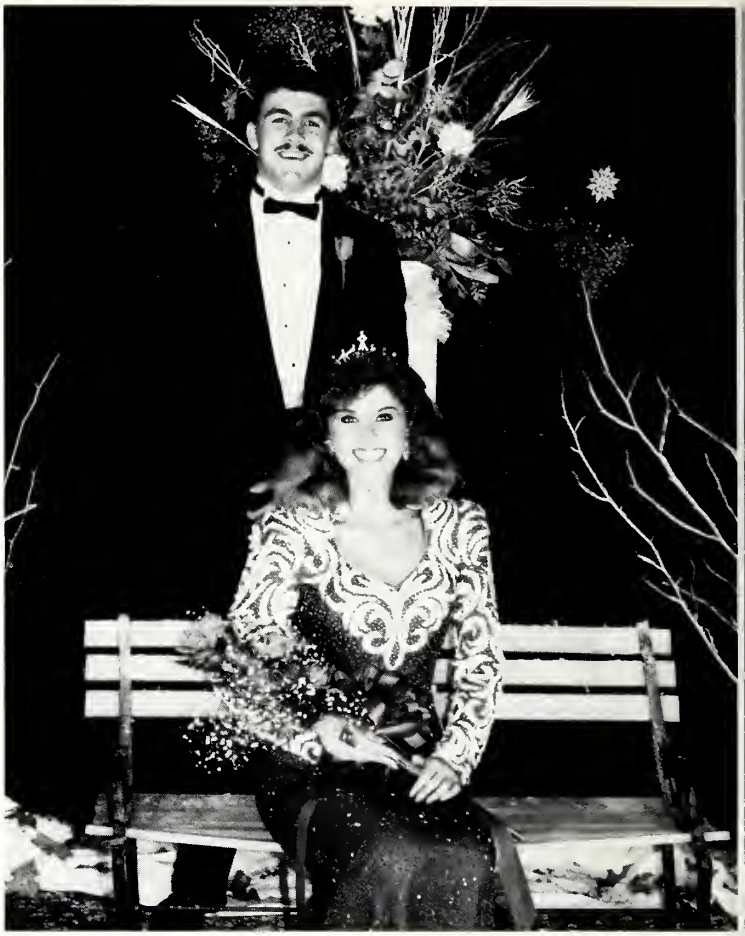
⬅Freshman Lori Rogers from Carthage gets last minute instructions from pageant director Leesa Lee. Ms. Lee was in her fifth year as director of the pageant.

⬆Known around campus for her winning smile, EC's Most Beautiful Girl flashes her smile for the judges early in the pageant. Christina Wood is a sophomore from Decatur.

1991-92 Beauties and Beaus

Held each year toward the end of the first semester, the East Central Beauty Pageant is eagerly anticipated by both faculty and students. Soon after school is over, comments about the pageant begin to surface. "Are you going to be in the pageant?" is a typical question.

East Central has long had a tradition of beautiful girls, and this year's crop is no exception. "Every year I think this year's group is the prettiest I have seen," veteran instructor and pageant emcee Ovid Vickers commented. "This year was no exception. I thought they were all beautiful, and I've been around a while."



East Central's Most Handsome Man Trampas Amedee of St. Amant, La. and East Central's Most Beautiful Young Woman Christina Wood of Decatur enjoy the park bench which was part of the pageant decorations after the winners were announced.

"I couldn't believe I had won. I was standing back stage, and I wasn't sure I could walk out there when they called my name, I was so nervous." Christina Wood

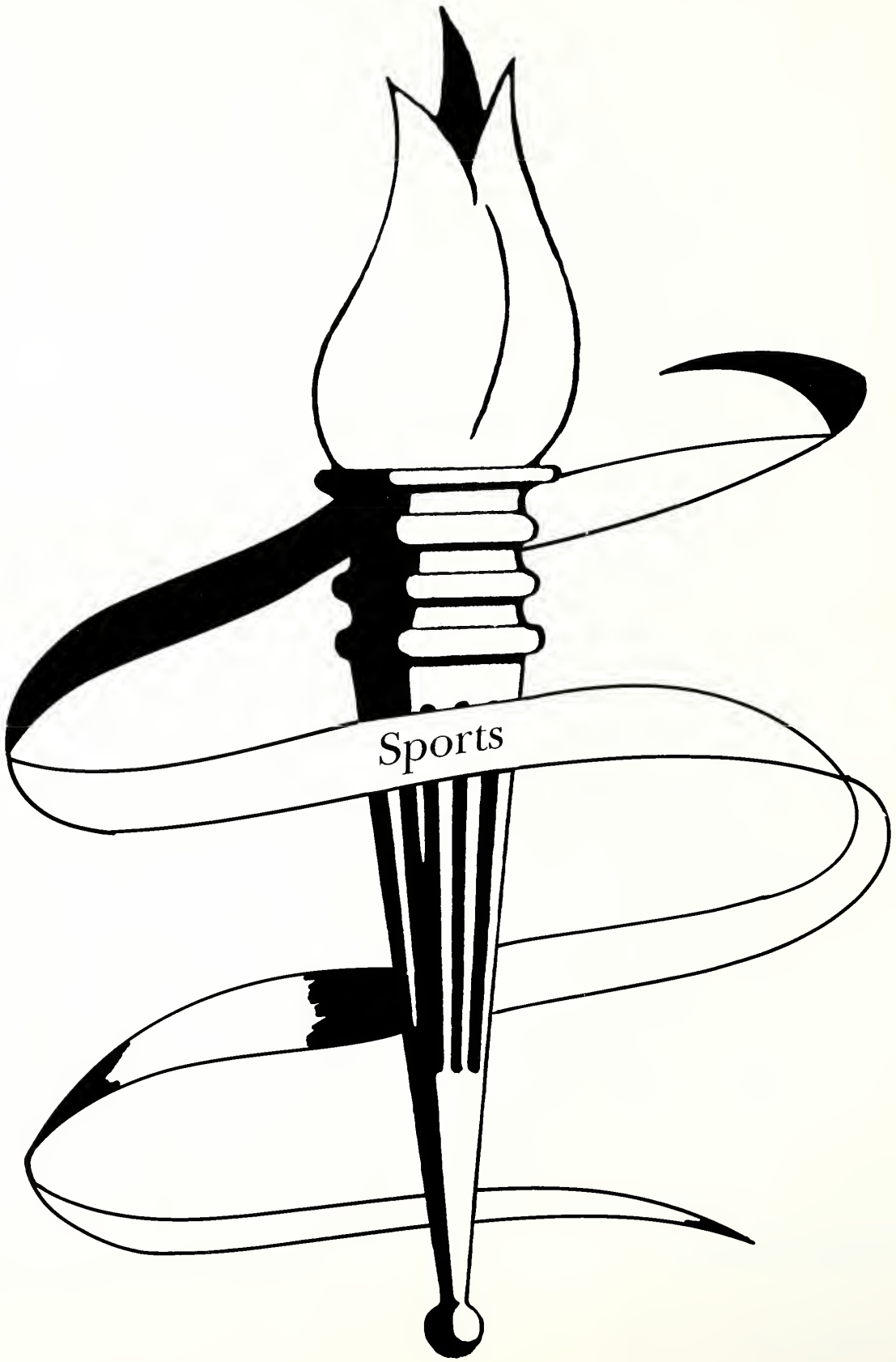
Dr. Eddie Smith, President of the College, places the crown on Christina's head while Trampas enjoys the moment.

Beauty Julie Pair, Philadelphia
Beau Clark Reynolds, Neshoba Cent.

Beauty Wendy Ellis, Carthage
Beau Chris Bright, Lena

Beauty Shae Sellers, Clarkdale
Beau Bo Barry, Madison-Ridgeland

Beauty Lori Rogers, Walnut Grove
Beau Brian Lambert, Ft. Myers, Fl.


Sports

The Warriors take their traditional plunge through the sign made by the cheerleaders. Players and cheerleaders form a close bond as the two groups work together to promote school spirit.

Go Big Gold!

Warriors of '91 Remain Competitive Despite Bad Breaks

The Warrior football team of 1991 might well be termed the "Hard Luck Kids." In every game right up until the final gun, the team competed. According to head coach, A. J. Kilpatrick, "This team was very competitive. With a break of two in our direction, we could easily have finished the season with a 7-3 record or even an 8-2 but had to settle with a 4-6."

Evidence that Kilpatrick is correct in his assessment can be seen in the numbers. Two of the Warrior games were lost by two points; one was lost by three points in the last 45 seconds of the game; one game was lost by one point; one by 8 points; and one by a score of 13-0. In the 13-0 loss, the opponent (Hinds) did not score until the fourth quarter.

"I feel that this team worked as hard as any team I ever worked with. They had a real desire to win — as much as any team I remember — and they did their very best on every play."

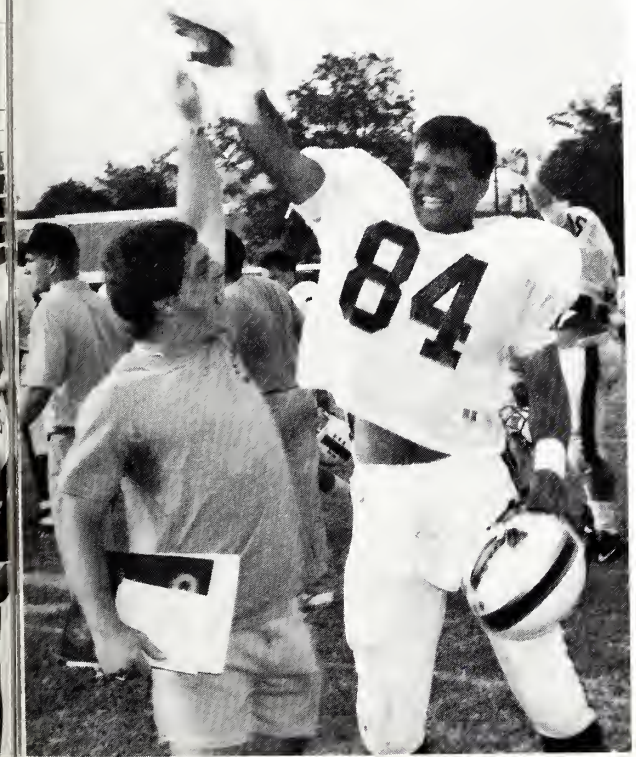
In summarizing his feelings about the season and the team, Kilpatrick quoted Teddy Roosevelt who said, "... credit belongs to the man who is in the arena ... who knows great enthusiasm ... who spends himself in a worthy cause ... who if he fails at least fails daring greatly."

Clowning around is not one of Assistant Coach Bradshaw's normal activities, but the cameraman caught him in a jovial mood at media day. Here Bradshaw does a classic Jackie Gleason imitation.

Eager for the team to look its best, even in the August heat, Coach Kilpatrick gives last minut instructions before media day begins. August heat turned to milder temperatures as the Warrio season wound down in late October. In fact, the final game was a Halloween night game.

"This was a competitive team. With a break of two in our direction, it would have been a different season." A. J. Kilpatrick

Madison-Ridgeland product Bo Barry intercepts a pass in the annual Homecoming game as Russell Meeks approaches the play. Meeks and Barry were two valuable members of the 91 Warrior team.



All-Region XXIII punting leader Brian Lamber of Ft. Myers, FL celebrates another successful effort with team manager Del Estes of Noxapater.

Manager Phil Leone and team members (from left) Jim Allen, Thurman Jones, Markeye Holmes, and Lamar Blaylock watch as the Warriors kick off after a halftime rest. While fans enjoy halftime performances, the Warriors are in the gym making adjustments for the second half.

Warrior Stats 1991

Ind. Tackles:
- D.D. Moore - 87
- Russell Meeks - 71
- Dedrick Coleman - 64

Interceptions:
- Traymon Rayner - 8 (60 yds)
- Russell Meeks - 4 (40 yds)

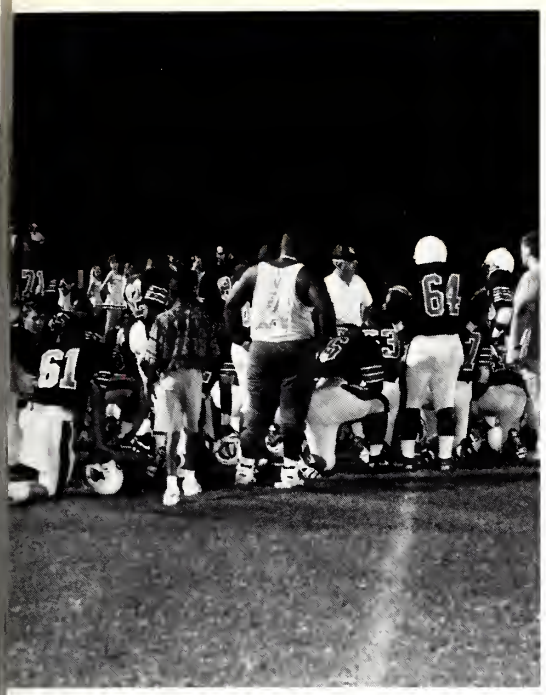
Ind. Rushing:
- Willie McClelland - 634 yds (124 rushes)
- Wayne Kelly - 304 yds (304 rushes)
- Jerry Welch - 201 yds (34 rushes)

Passing:
- Wayne Kelly - 1109 yds (92 comp.)

Receiving:
- Kendrick Coleman - 470 yds (30 catches)
- Shannon Dodson - 209 yds (14 catches)
- Willie McClelland -163 yds (23 catches)

Punting:
- Brian Lambert - 62 punts (2637 yds) (No. 1 in Region XXIII)

Freshman running back Jerry Welch puts his head down and makes sure he gets into the endzone. In the background Mack Thompson gets ready to celebrate the TD.



Warriors Compile Impressive Honors

All-State 1991
Terrence Peoples, OT
Willie McClelland, RB
D.D. Moore, DT
Russell Meeks, FS

Second Team
Wayne Kelly, QB
Bryan Lambert, Punter
Ben Williams, DE

Honorable Mention
Bo Barry, SS
David Coleman, LB
Traman Rayner, CB
Kendrick Coleman, WR
Scott Wesson, FB
Terrence Nunn, LB
Adrian Allen, CB
Jerry Welch, RB
Shannon Dotson, TE

All Region
D.D. Moore
Russell Meeks
Terrence Peoples (Most Valuable Player)

All Stars
D.D. Moore
Russell Meeks
Willie McClelland
Terrence Peoples
Wayne Kelly

Members of the Warrior team give their traditional "Warrior Yell" at one of the weekly pep rallies. The Warrior Yell followed the weekly talk by the coach in which he presented outstanding players from the previous game.

Shannon Dodson hangs onto the ball in the endzone after catching a TD pass from Wayne Kelly. No. 25 Kendrick Coleman approaches Dodson to begin a celebration of the TD.

Members of the 1991 Warrior team pose for their annual team photo. In white shirts on back row are Coaches Tony Triplett (left), Brad Bradshaw, and A. J. Kilpatrick.

Tony Bailey grabs a rebound as Robert Michael (#44) and Vandy Hopson (#45) await the outcome of the play.

Warriors Achieve National Ranking

"An exceptional group of young men" is how first-year coach Marty Cooper described the 1991-92 Warrior basketball team. Coming into the coaching position just three weeks prior to the opening game, Cooper described the situation as "a scary challenge."

Early in the season, the team lost two of its first seven games, only to come back and post a 21 - 2 record and a national ranking of #16 by February fourth.

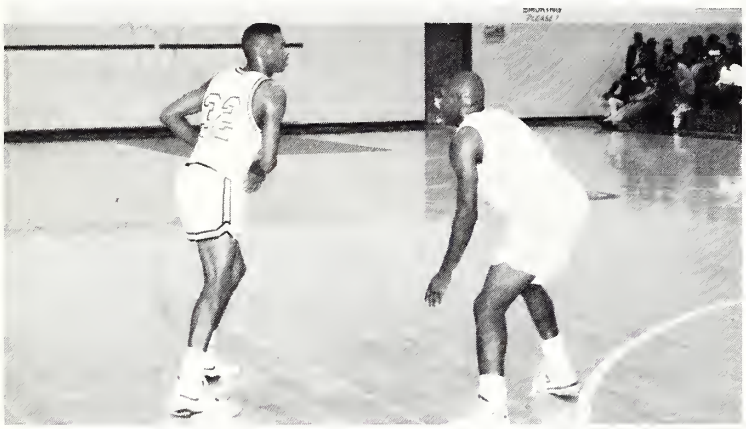
"A lot of our success is due to the fact that the players were able to make the adjustment to a new coaching style," Cooper commented, "and a lot of it is due to Coach (Jay) Bowen who had done such a fine job in recruiting and preparing the players."

On February 3, the Warriors defeated Copiah-Lincoln to go 9 - 0 in Southern Division play and assured themselves of the number one seed in tournament play and clinched the regular season South Division Championship.

Receiving the national ranking in the national polls was an especially high point for the Warrior team. "It was a reward for the players for their hard work," Cooper stated. "A lot of people don't put much faith in polls, but it definitely is a morale booster."

Going into the tournament, all five of the starters were assured of signing with senior institutions, another measure of the high esteem in which the team was held.

Outstanding off the court as well as on, Philadelphia native Marcus Stribling not only contributed to the team's success on the court but was a leader off court as well.



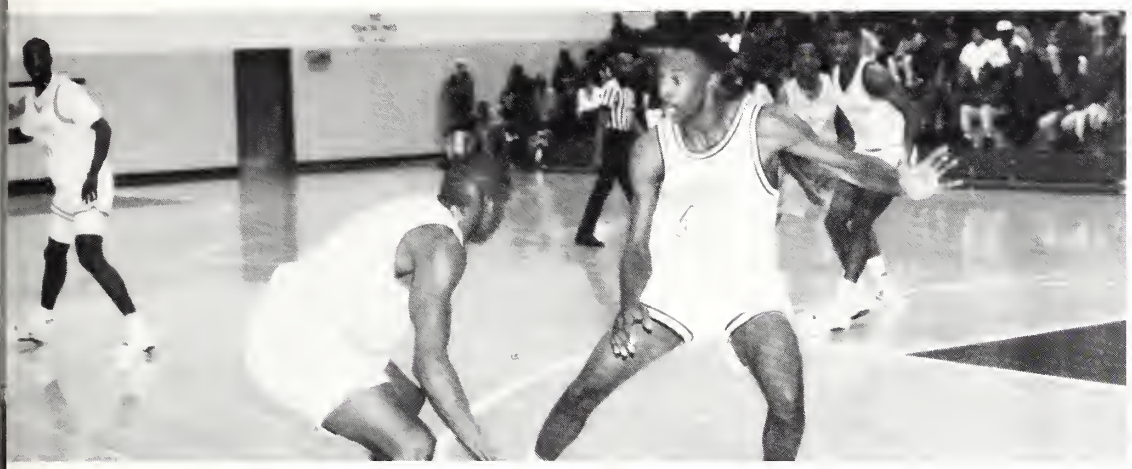
"They are exceptional not only talent-wise but as young men. Our success has been due as much to the character of the players as it has been to their talent. I count myself lucky to have been able to work with them."

Warrior team members celebrate with Dr. Eddie Smith and cheerleaders after capturing the South Division Tournament Championship. The team went on to place second in the State Tournament and reach the semi-finals of the Regional Tournament. Three Warriors made the All-Region Team.

Records through Feb. 2

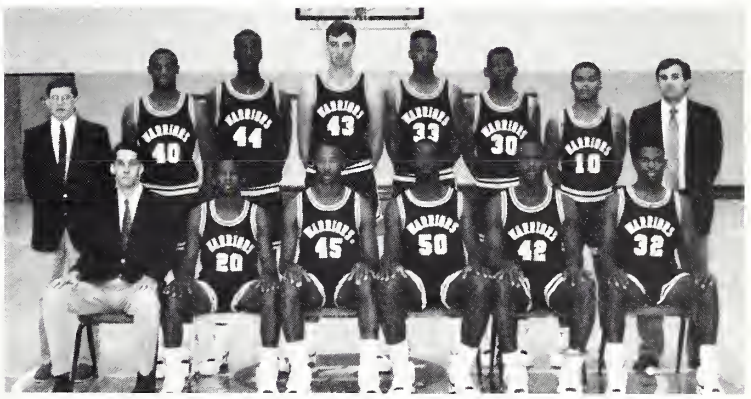
	Record	Pts
1. Aquinas, Tenn (8)	20-2	106
2. Three Rivers, Mo. (5)	22-2	92
3. Vincennes, Ind. (1)	18-2	84
4. Kankakee, Ill. (1)	22-2	72
5. Southern, Idaho (1)	22-2	61
6. Tyler, Texas	16-2	55
7. Allegany, Md.	24-2	44
8. Utah Valley	20-3	40
9. Butler, Kan.	19-5	38
10. NE Mississippi	19-2	36
11. Spartanburg, S.C.	15-2	32
12. Seminole, Okla.	20-4	28
13. Champlain, Vt.	17-3	26
14. Central Arizona	18-2	24
15. Fashion Inst., N.Y.	19-2	20
16. East Central, Miss.	19-2	18
17. Brunswick, Ga.	16-5	16
18. Indian Hills, Iowa	20-4	14
19. Palm Beach, Fla.	17-6	12
20. North Idaho	21-2	10

New Coach Leads Team to New Heights of Success



With EC on defense against Gulf Coast, a perennial powerhouse in the South Division, Vandy Hopson takes position as Robert Michael (left) and Marcus Stribling guard their men.

Warrior players get a short rest during a time out as Coach Cooper gives quick instructions on adjustments they need to make.



Beginning every game in the same way, Vandy Hopson jumps center, a majority of the time with positive results for the Warriors.

Warrior team members are: (Seated) Chris Croft (Student Assistant), Luther Riley, Vandy Hopson, J. P. Viverette, Tony Baily, and Mark Stribling; (Standing) Keith Thrash (Manager), Undrie Thomas, Robert Michael, David Wade, Markee Sanders, Matt Riley, Harold Scott, and Coach Marty Cooper.

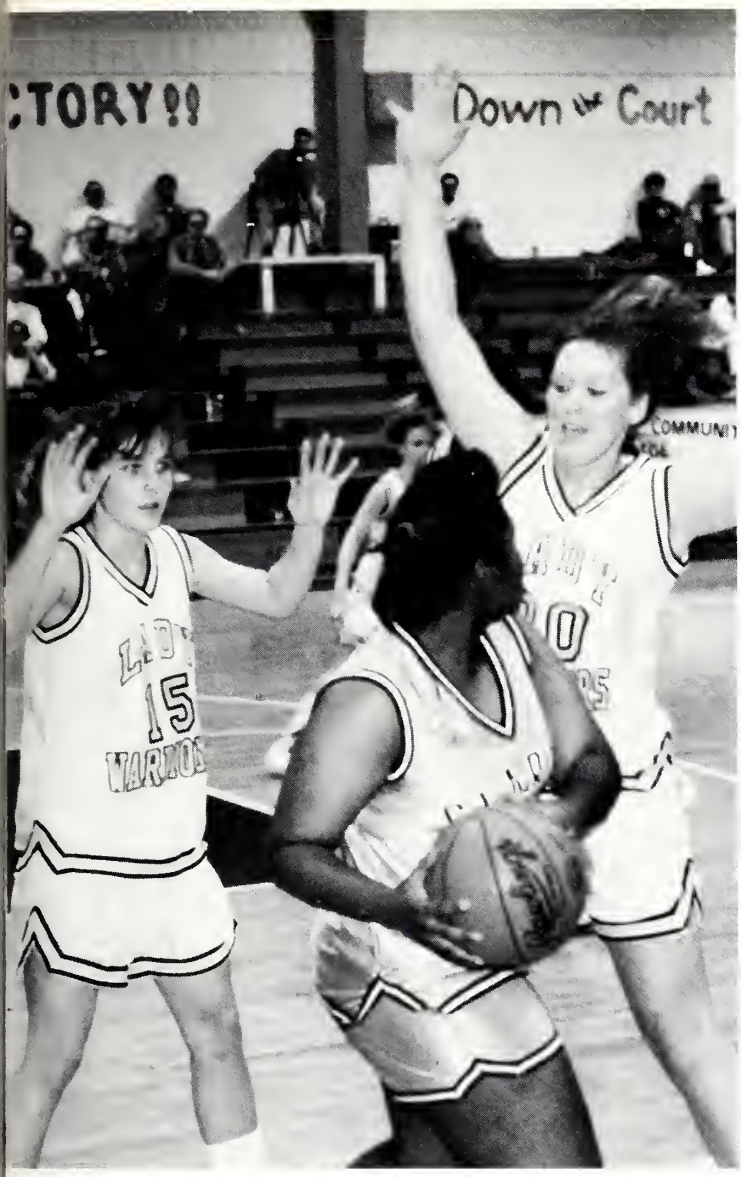
Lady Warriors Improve as Season Progresses

Sophomore Nicole Flint looks inside as Misty Wright makes her move to the hoop. Point Guard Amy Apperson (#14) has just passed the ball to Flint.

Coach Sammy Pace, in his seventh year as Lady Warrior coach, plots strategy during a crucial time out.

Members of the Lady Warrior team are: (Seated) Apryl Hendon, Mistie Robinson, Gloria Clay, Shelly Griffin, Stephanie Wiley, Amy Apperson, and Paula Thames; (Standing) Tamalla Mazingo, Brooke Smith, Misty Wright, Lisa Tucker, Tammy Ezell, Susie Williams, and Nicole Flint.

Although it appears that he is giving Amy Apperson a little push, Coach Pace is actually just using some body language to get the Lady Warriors to settle into their offense.



Freshmen Shelly Griffin and Tamalla Mazingo, teammates at Union High School before coming to EC, contributed greatly to the Lady Warrior's successful season. Here, the two team up to defense an opponent.

"2 Legit 2 Quit"

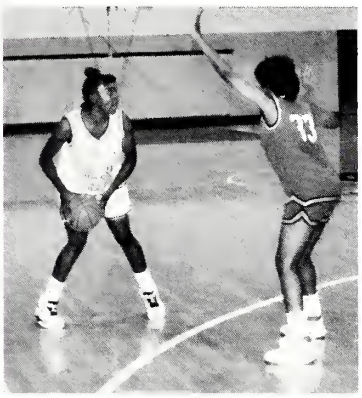
The beginning of the 1991-92 basketball season presented a big challenge to Coach Sammy Pace and the Lady Warriors. With only four returning players from last year's squad, it would take some time to get the team working well with each other.

"I don't really have any true athletes on this team," Pace said. "What I do have is a great group of girls who play with a lot of heart and determination."

"Sophomores Nicole Flint, Susan Williams, and Amy Apperson chose not to play as freshmen, choosing instead to concentrate on academics. They came out for the team at the beginning of this year and have really contributed to the team".

Pace characterized the team as one which plays "team basketball."

"I'm usually able to rotate most of the players on the team without feeling any loss of performance. They generally give it 100%."



Sophomore Gloria Clay, the Lady Warrior's leading rebounder for the season, was also a force on offense and could always be counted on to turn up her effort a notch when a game became close.

Selected to the Mississippi Community College all Star Team for 1991-92, Brooke Smith, a graduate of Neshoba Central High School, earned the right to represent East Central on the All-Star Team by being a consistent players for two years. In her sophomore season, she was the team's second leading rebounder and third leading scorer. Smith joined outstanding players from the other community colleges from the South Division at Holmes Community College to compete against the North after the close of the season.

Getting into position as the Lady Warriors go on offense, Gloria Clay (left), Misty Wright, and Tamalla Mazingo show the hustle which is characteristic of Coach Sammy Pace's teams.

"What I have this year is a great group of girls who play with a lot of heart and determination."

"This squad has made EC students remember why basketball is such a fun sport to watch. We've had the largest crowds I've seen since I've been at EC, and I give my girls credit for a lot of that."

— Sammy Pace

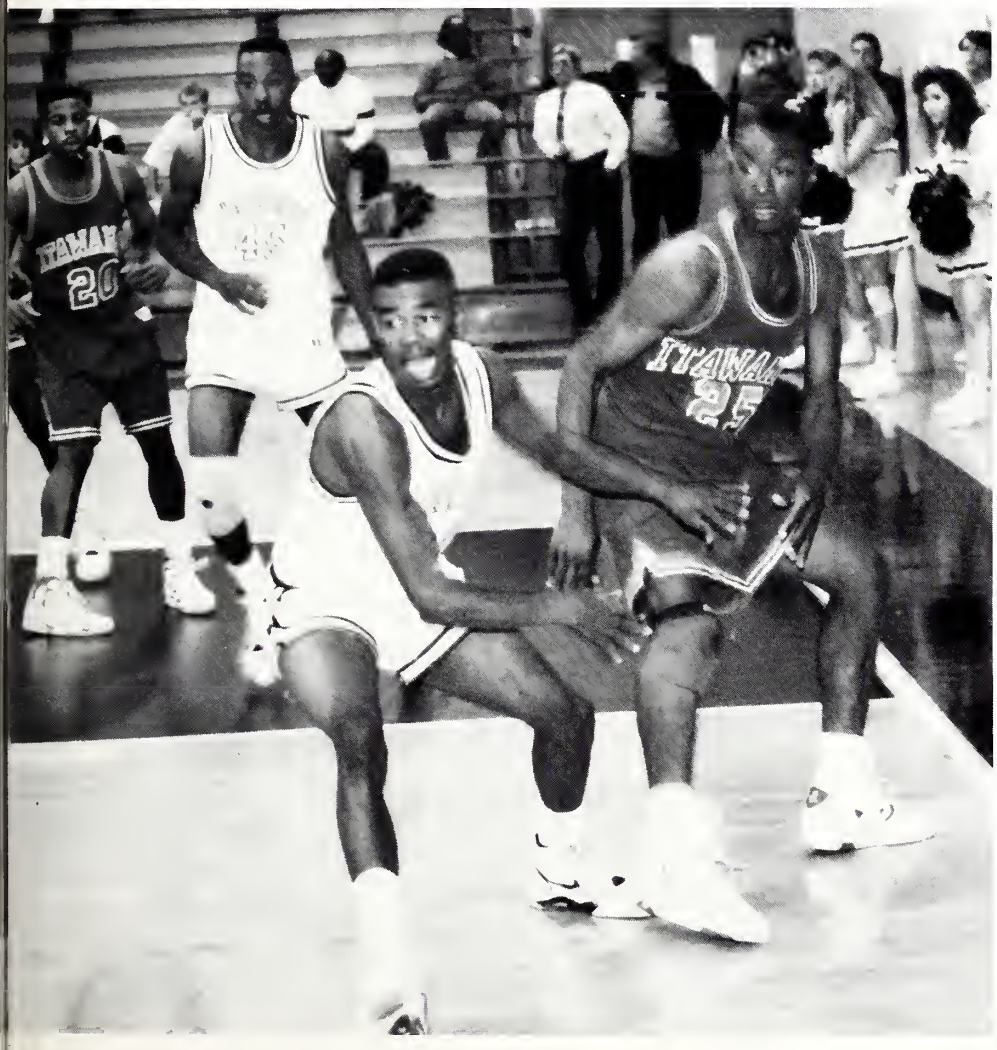
With a renewed interest in basketball, the stands filled quickly to watch the Lady Warriors and later the Warriors play. Here, Brooke Smith goes up for a shot as teammates Nicole Flint (left) and Misty Wright look on.

Sophomore pre-dentistry major Nicole Flint, a product of Neshoba Central High School, maintained an almost perfect GPA in a difficult curriculum while playing on the Lady Warrior team.

Scrappy freshmen Amy Apperson (foreground) and Tamalla Mazingo fight for the loose ball.

Count the basket and the free throw for sophomore Vandy Hopson. Hopson and teammate J. P. Viverette (#50) were vital links in the Warriors' chain of victories.

No. 42 Tony Bailey took advantage of the early signing date to commit himself to Murray (KY) State, then went on to have a year which proved the Kentucky team had made a good choice.



Known for his size and his smile on the court, J. P. Viverette drives for another basket. Sometimes, Viverette enjoyed a slam-dunk, which pleased the student body at the game.

The old basketball adage, "Offense is important, but Defense wins games" proved true in the Warriors' season. Here, Marcus Stribling moves to cut off a bounce pass to an Itawamba player.

Diamond Warriors

It is always wet in February in central Mississippi, and that is frustrating for Coach Jamie Clark and his baseball team. "Just when we need to be out on the field getting ready for opening day, the rains come," Clark lamented. "However, it's pretty much the same for our competition too, so it balances out."

This February with nine returning lettermen, Clark was entering the season and facing a tough 47 game schedule with "reserved confidence." An enthusiastic team, some very promising freshmen, and the prospect of good pitching caused Clark to feel confident the team would do well.

Increasing interest in baseball among the faculty, student body, and the community added to the air of excitement which surrounded the baseball program at EC in the spring of '92.

†Team members include: (Front) Doug Williams, Chris Latham, Lee Eady, Jake Yarborough, David Martin, Jason Laird, Derrick Glenn; (Row 2) Fabian Huddleston, Patrick Ervin, Luke Gibbon, Jerry Dupuy, Daniel Landry, Thomas Allen, Graham Carlton, (Back) Bob Templet, Chris Vowell, Greg Vance, Justin Haralson, Keith Dailey, Roger Caperton, Trampas Amedee, Eddie Whitmire, Gresham Fortune, and Chris Smith.

1992 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT SITE	SITE
February 24	Clarke (single)	Home
February 28	Wallace State	Home
February 29	Wallace State	Home
March 2	Clarke (single)	Away
March 4	Holmes	Home
March 7	Itawamba	Away
March 8	Itawamba (single)	Away
March 14	Holmes	Away
March 17	Southwest	Away
March 20	Jackson State (single)	Home
March 20	Three Rivers (single)	Home
March 22	Hinds	Away
March 24	Iowa Western (single)	Home
March 25	Jones	Home
March 27	Iowa Wester (single)	Home
March 28	Gulf Coast	Away
March 31	Pearl River	Home
April 1	Itawamba	Home
April 4	Co-Lin	Away
April 6	East Miss.	Home
April 8	Southwest	Home
April 14	Hinds	Home
April 17	Jones	Away
April 20	East Miss.	Away
April 22	Gulf Coast	Home
April 25	Pearl River	Away
April 28	Co-Lin	Home

All games are double-headers unless noted single.

Captains of the Diamond Warriors for 1992 are David Martin, Fabian Huddleston, and Trampas Amedee.

Warrior Baseball Gains Momentum

Infielders on the 1992 Warrior team are: (Front) Jake Yarborough, Jason Laird, Lee Eady; (Back) Justin Haralson, Chris Vowell, Keith Dailey, Daniel Landry, and David Martin.

"This team is a close-knit bunch. They saw from the beginning that they had a chance to be an outstanding club, and their work habits reflected that." - Jamie Clark

Protecting the outfield are: (Front) Doug Williams, Chris Latham, Derrick Glenn; (Back) Chris Smith, Gresham Fortune, Greg Vance, and Trampas Amedee.

The strength of the 1992 team lay in its strong pitching staff. Sophomore Jerry Dupuy was 3-0 by mid-March, and Luke Gibbon was 3-1.

Taking the mound for the Warrior team are: (Front) Eddie Whitmire, Luke Gibbon, Thomas Allen, Graham Carlton; (Back) Chris Vowell, Roger Caperton, Jerry Dupuy, Fabian Huddleston, Trampas Amedee,and Bob Templet.

Baseball did not occupy every minute of the players' time. They were involved in a variety of other campus activities. This is evidenced by the fact that sophomore team captain Trampas Amedee was also elected Mr. East Central.

Behind the plate in '92 are: Lee Eady, Derrick Glenn, and Patrick Ervin.

Going the Distance for the Warriors

This year's cheerleader literally "went the distance" for the Warriors, traveling to away games as far as Clarksdale and Moorehead.

Selected at tryouts in the spring, the cheerleaders "went the distance" in another sense. At two games, they fought hoards of "Delta mosquitoes," fighting the pests while not missing a beat at cheering.

This year's squad was a much more physical group, putting a number of new twists, turns, pyramids, somersault and other acrobatic feats into their routines.

From time to time, different members of the squad suffered injuries just as athletes who work hard suffer injuries. Their dedication was evident in the fact that, despite wrapped knees, ankles, and elbows, the group never missed a trick.

"We were really fortunate this year to have such a dedicated and lively group," Melissa Lewis, cheerleader sponsor said. "They were devoted to the teams and went the extra mile to make their devotion evident."

When Ms. Lewis moved to a new position at another college in January, the basketball cheerleaders had to say goodbye to a sponsor and friend. But the cheering went on.

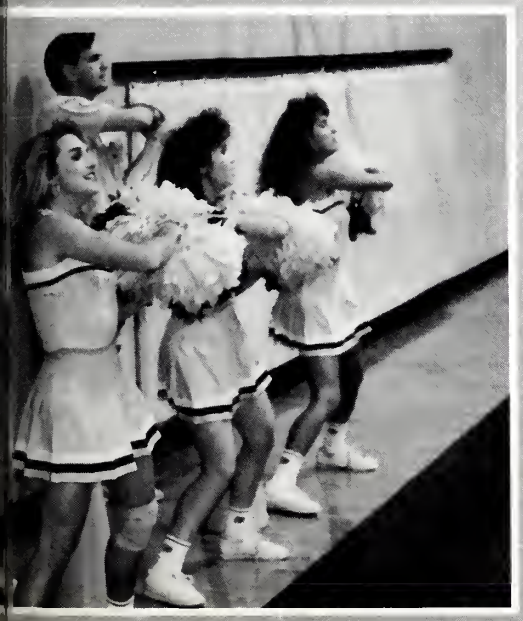
"I'll really miss it," Ginger Buckley confided. "Cheerleading occupied such a big part of my life this year, and although it was a lot of hard work, I'll miss it."

(Above) Football cheerleaders are: Jill Posey, Jenny Herrin, Wendy Ellis, Rebecca Vanderporten, Ricky Cook, Kirk Weems, Matt Strum, Amy Fussell, Ginger Buckley, Kaycee Carmichael, Angela Boutwell and Ocean Moore. (Below) Basketball cheerleaders are: (Front) Jenny Herrin, Jill Posey, Lynda Kelly, Amy Fussell; (Back) Ricky Cook, Kirk Weems, Matt Strum, and Brian Cumberland.

Prior to a game, Amy Fussell has her knee wrapped by fellow cheerleader Matt Strum. Concerned friend (and fellow cheerleader) Ginger Buckley and Brian Cumberland look on.

"Yuk!" Rebecca Vanderporten says as she takes her turn at being sprayed with insect repellent by Melissa Lewis, sponsor. An apprehensive Angela Boutwell awaits her turn as Jill Posey and Ocean Moore watch.

"Don't worry; I have you," Kirk Weems, a trained gymnast and EC cheerleader tells Angela Boutwell as Ricky Cook stands by "just in case."



Basketball cheerleaders get into the spirit of a Warrior home game in their customary station near the goal. Cheerleaders helped pull the hardcourt Warriors through some tight games.

Intramurals Provide Fun, Escape from Routine

It's three in the afternoon. The last class is over, and there is a scurry in the halls as students rush toward the dorms. Is it to take a nap? Perhaps to study? Or make a phone call home? Hardly.

There is an intramural football game at 3:30, and then another following that, and perhaps one going on deep into dusk and dinner time. Those people who aren't playing in a game have roommates, girlfriends, or boyfriends playing and have to be there for moral support.

With the possible exception of softball in the spring, intramural football is probably the most popular activity on campus. According to Mike Anderson, Intramural Director, this year a total of 12 teams participated with a total of 175 students involved as players, coaches, or referees.

In the end, when all the cheering had stopped, the "Oreo Connection" had won the men's league championship with "A.J.'s XXXs" taking second place honors.

In coed competition, "Brad's Team" won the championship and "PYT" won runners-up honors.

Daniel Landry prepares to get a pass of, unaware that Ken McMullan is about to get his flag. Competition becomes fierce as the intramural season progresses, and best friends become chief rivals.➡

Capturing first-place honors as coed champs for 1991-92 are these members of "Brad's Team": Jay Fortenberry, Matthew Freeny, Brad Copeland, Matt Strum, Joey Coghlan; (Standing) Jennifer Anderson, Tam Cooper, Ginger Buckley, Amy Fussell, Tracey Blackburn and Patsy Harris.➡

When he didn't pass the ball, Daniel Landry just took it and ran, sometimes successfully and sometimes not so far.⬇

⬆"Oreo Connection won the men's intramural flag football league championship. Team members include (Kneeling) Nathan Yates, Ricky Walker, Lee Eady, Bob Templet, Lance Huckaby, Luke Gibbon; (Standing) Gresham Fortune, Justin Haralson, David Martin, Kevin French, Daniel Landry, and Fabian Huddleston.

↑Gresham Fortune and Bob Templett attempt to stop Ken McMullan as other team members wait for the play to end.

↑Vince Brown's smile is evidence enough of the enjoyment students get from intramural football. Apparently Vince is enjoying seeing opponent Joey Pickle go down. Brian Miley holds the telltale flags he has just ripped off.

James Johnson, Chad Harrison and Greg McGarrity (back to camera) close in on an opponent who seems to have little chance to retain his flags intact.↓

"A hot time in the old gym" might typify almost any night. Here, two women's teams battle it out.

Intramurals know no age limit at EC. Faculty and staff have traditionally formed teams and competed with students in both basketball and softball.

"Cha-Ching" took championship honors in the Coed Intramural Basketball League. Members of the team are: (Front) Ken McMullan, James Johnson, Matt Strum; (Back) Lynda Kelly, Patsy Harris, Angie Bryant, Carla Thomas, and Tam Cooper.

Major League!

From 10 a.m. until 10 p.m., the Activities Center, sometimes known as "the old gym" is a busy place. The Activities Center is the hub for all intramural activities; it is the place where Mike Anderson (seen at left observing an intramural basketball game) maintains his office, although he is seldom in it.

Assisted by baseball coach Jamie Clark and student assistants, Anderson has the task of organizing and carrying out a multi-faceted intramural program which includes not only flag football and basketball but softball, pool, volleyball, and almost any other sport which students become interested in and want to form competitions for.

In its attempt to develop "the whole student," EC is committed to a well-rounded intramural program. The number of students involved and the number of games played each year indicate that this concept is succeeding.

⬆"Thumpin 3" captured first place honors in the three-on-three intramural competition. Team members include: Greg McGarrity, Matt Strum, Brian Lambert, James Johnson, and Ken McMullian.

⬅Patsy Harris, a sophomore from Decatur and a member of the "Lucky Ladies," takes a practice shot prior to a game.

SPRING SPREE!

In spring, a young man's fancy lightly turns to ... SPRING SPREE! Winter is over; robins are sharing the softball field with spring intramurals; the sun feels warm and welcome; and EC students are ready to celebrate.

And what better way to celebrate the coming of spring than with an event which has rapidly become a tradition. The annual spring rite this year celebrated its sixth birthday with a totally new look in contestants' tee shirts and with a record number of teams entered.

"We wanted something different in our tee shirts," Chad Harrison, SBA President stated, "and we came up with the idea of using caricatures of EC faculty people who have supported Spring Spree in the past. We knew they would take it in the positive way in which we intended it."

An activity of the SBA, Spring Spree is a culmination of the year's activities and involves an afternoon and evening of competition. The event begins with a number of different types of races, then proceeds to a tug of war over a mud pit. Next comes the "battle on the log" in which two contestants attempt to knock one another into the mud pit. Contestants then proceed to the egg-cracking contest, and to an outdoor supper.

After the meal, the teams with the highest number of points compete in a volleyball match to determine the overall winner. With eight people on a team, teams take on colorful names and take part in the good-natured fun of the day.

"It's probably the most popular event at East Central," Harrison stated. "People start talking about it before first semester is over and begin planning their teams and strategies."

"I don't understand this," Activities Director Mike Anderson shouts into the bullhorn. "I'm supposed to be in charge here." Anderson and other faculty and staff enjoy Spring Spree as much as the students.

The log removed, sophomore Wendy Ellis and her opponent end up in the mud pit. "I guess I needed a bath anyway," Wendy said.

Popular sophomore Amy Fussell from Louisville and teammates take a much needed rest between Spring Spree events.

Mud wrestlers have nothing on these EC coeds who, while attempting to stay on the log, will inevitably end up sharing a bath in the mud pit.

With basketball season over, and spring here, Apryl Hendon of Union doesn't want to miss a thing, so she finds a lofty perch to watch the battle on the log.

SBA President Chad Harrison triumphs by locating Dr. Jefcoat's glasses in the pit. Harrison and fellow SBA officers conduct the annual Spring Spree.

Academics

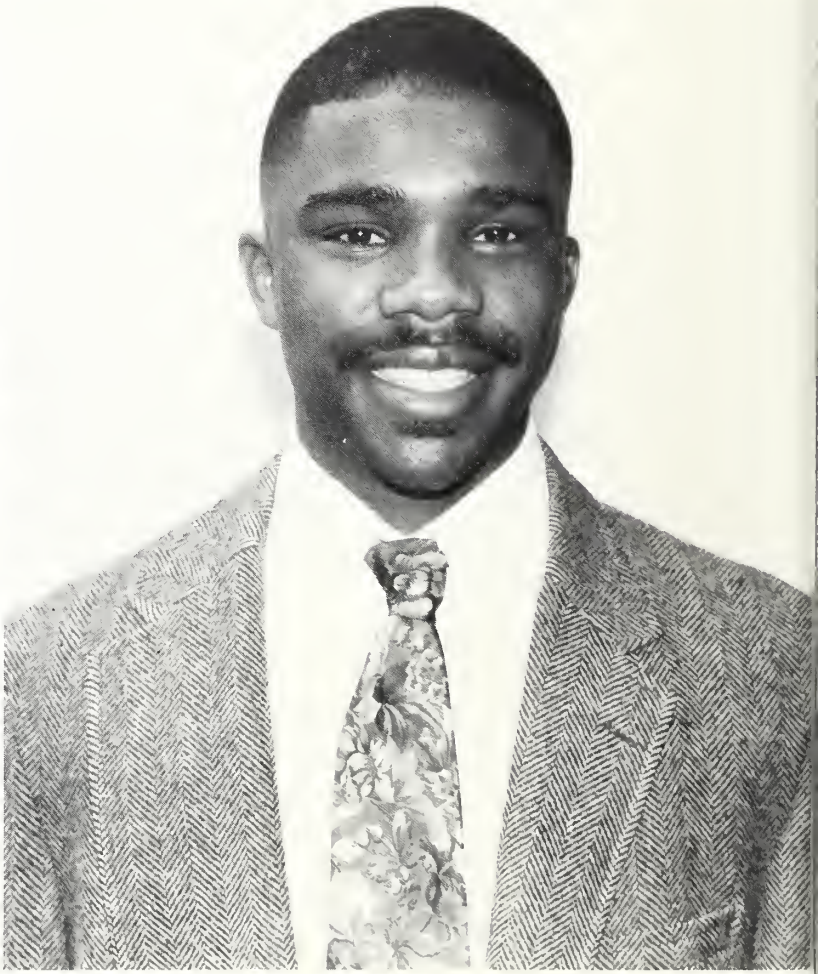
Stephen Ford, a freshman from Newton, absorbs himself in a lecture. Like other freshmen, Stephen found the transition to college challenging but manageable.

The Golden Path to Knowledge

Hall of

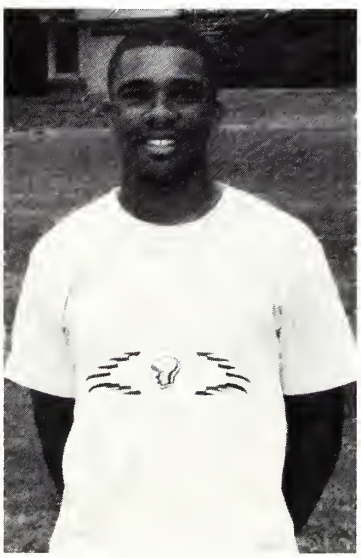
Alpha Alpha Epsilon
Mu Alpha Theta
Phi Theta Kappa
Intramural Basketball
Warrior Corps
Varsity Football
Intramural Softball
Who's Who in American Jr. Colleges
National Engineering Award Finalist
Phi Theta Kappa "Model Student"
All-American Scholar

Lamar Blalock



"Lamar is an excellent example of an athlete who is also a scholar. He has gained the respect of both his peers and the faculty while at East Central."

— Faculty Nomination



Engineering

Fame

Tam Cooper

President's Council
Mu Alpha Theta (President)
Warrior Corps (President)
Phi Theta Kappa (Secretary)
Fashion Squad
Student Education Association (President)
SBA Secretary
Cast of "Li'l Abner"
Freshman Math Award
Bill Baucum Sec. Ed. Award
All-American Scholar
Homecoming Maid of Honor
Who's Who in American Jr. Colleges
Scholars Bowl Team
Academic All American
Best Chorus Member Award
Phi Theta Kappa Media Kick-Off Speaker for Vote America
Miss ECCC, 1991-92
Phi Theta Kappa All American Team (One of 20 in nation)

"Tam makes the most of her talents by being dedicated and responsible. Her 4.0 GPA, coupled with her participation in a wide variety of activities, is evidence of her dedication."

— Faculty Nomination

Secondary Education

Hall of

Member of Lady Warrior Basketball Team
Sigma Sigma Mu Tau (President)
President's Council
Phi Theta Kappa (Treasurer)
Warrior Corps (Secretary)
Who's Who in American Jr. Colleges
Freshman Class Favorite
Sophomore Class Favorite
F.E. Leatherwood Scholarship
1992 HEADWAE Student
Intramural Sports
NJCAA Distinguished Academic
All American

Nicole Flint

"Nicole is an outstanding student, excelling academically in a difficult major while working hard as a member of the basketball team and in numerous other activities. She will someday make us proud of her."
—Faculty Nomination

Pre-Dentistry

Fame

President's Council (Secretary)
Phi Theta Kappa (VP)
Warrior Marching Band
Drum Major for 2 years
Newsome Hall Dorm Council (President)
SBA Treasurer
Band Council (President 2 years)
Concert Band
Cast of "L'il Abner"
Sigma Sigma Mu Tau
Freshman Class Treasurer
Who's Who in American Jr. Colleges
All-American Scholar

Kim Griffin

Pre-Pharmacy

"Kim's talent and skill as Drum Major have been major factors in making the EC band outstanding. She never let extracurricular activities interfere with her studies and maintained an outstanding GPA while being involved in numerous activities."

— Faculty Nomination

Hall of

Sigma Sigma Mu Tau
Phi Theta Kappa
Scholar's Bowl Team, 1992
Assoc. Editor of TOM-TOM
L.I.F.E. (President)
Intramural Basketball
Intramural Football
President's Council (VP)
All-American Scholar
Who's Who in American Jr. Colleges
Pat Wilson Mem. Scholarship
F.M. Cross Chemistry Award
Miss. Academy of Sciences

James B. Johnson

"James is an intelligent young man who works hard, is quiet, and always has a positive attitude. His friendly smile and dedicated work will take him far."

— Faculty Nomination

Pre-Nursing

Fame

Michelle Wilcher

Phi Beta Lambda
Warrior Corps
Intramural Softball
Student Assistant in Office of
Director of Vocational-
Technical Division
Dean's & President's List
Technical Student of the Month

"Michelle is as dependable, conscientious, and helpful as any student I have had in my twenty years of teaching. As a young married student, she has coupled her home life with a full schedule and numerous extra-curricular activities."

— Faculty Nomination

Word Processing

Honors Come to EC

Selected to attend the Lamplighter Symposium which annually honors outstanding faculty members from Mississippi colleges and universities were Alice Pouncey, Lois McMullan, Michelle Ergle, and Bruce Guraedy.

When individuals at East Central receive honors, it is a positive reflection on the entire campus. This year, some significant honors came to both faculty and students.

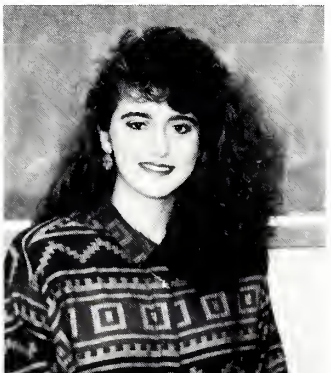
Four faculty members were chosen to attend the Lamplighter Symposium; a faculty member and a student were selected to be honored by the legislature at the annual HEADWAE recognition; and an outstanding student was selected as "All American Scholar."

All of these honors recognize academic excellence, and all those involved are individuals who pride themselves in fostering the pursuit of knowledge, either as students or as faculty members.

Outstanding sophomore Nicole Flint from Philadelphia and mathematics instructor Lois McMullan were honored in February at a special session of the legislature and then at a luncheon with the governor as East Central's selections for the HEADWAE program. (Higher Education Appreciation Day, Working for Academic Excellence).

Seen with Tam Cooper, East Central's second All American Scholar in two years are Dr. Phil Stutphin, Dean of Instruction, Dr. Gerald White, Dean of Students, and Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President of the College. The program is sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa AACJC and USA TODAY and honors twenty "first team" scholars with a $2500 scholarship which Tam will use to attend MSU.

A member of the Lady Warrior team, HEADWAE honoree Nicole Flint shows the kind of versatility which denotes true scholars.



"I love going to school, and I love to learn new things. I will always treasure my experience at EC and will remember the HEADWAE experience as a very special honor." - Nicole Flint

Tam Cooper shows just one facet of her many-faceted involvement at EC, as she is presented with her escort Matt Strumm as a Sophomore Homecoming Maid. One part of Tam's All American Scholars selection process was an essay about her experience at the community college.

Scholars Defend EC's Academic Honor

Scholar's Bowl team members James Johnson and Tam Coope take a look inside "Susie," the biology lab model as they prepare fo competition in the annual Scholar's Bowl sponsored by the Universit of Mississippi.

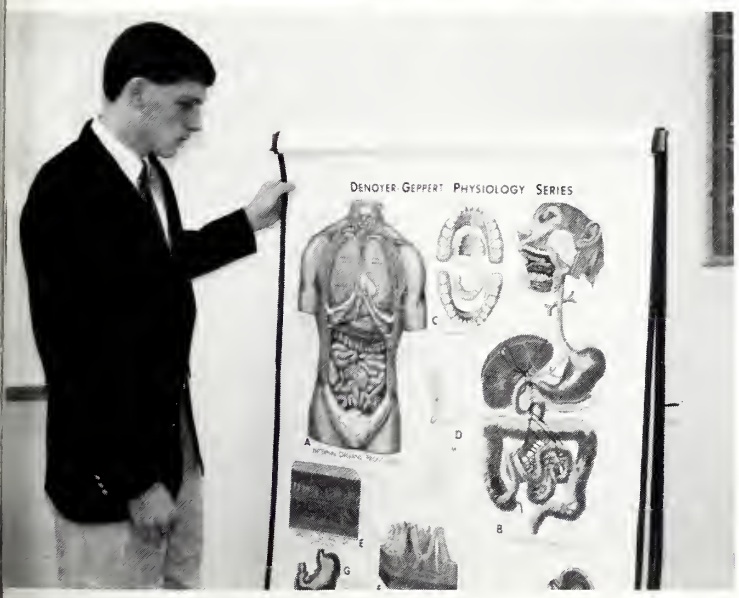
Scott Central graduate and East Central sophomore Rush Callaha won't have the advantage of a blackboard when he travels with the Scho ar's Bowl Team to competition in February. Questions are rapid and diff cult with points awarded for "toss up" questions and "bonus" questions.

Dr. Shelby Harris gets to know the Scholar's Bowl Team very well each year. As their advisor, he spends at least two hours each day with them from the time they are selected in mid-November until the competition in mid-February. "It is definitely a challenge for me as their advisor," Harris stated. "I not only meet with them and coach them; I have to try to prepare them for the intensity of the competition they will face. After all, this will be the absolutely best academic students from all the community colleges."

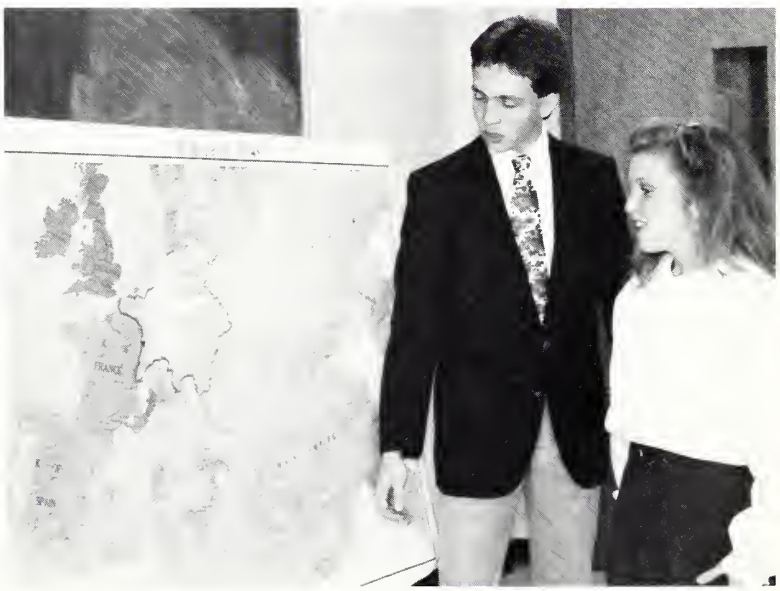
At stake is up to $50,000 in total scholarship monies, offered for both team winners and individual scholars who excel in competition.

Each community college submits a set number of questions for use in the competition, so it is the responsibility of Dr. Harris to collect these questions from faculty members in the different disciplines. "We have recognized some of our questions from time to time," Harris acknowledged, "but it is rare. We try to divide areas of expertise among the four members so that all areas are covered. For example, one member is responsible for rivers and capitals, another for chemistry, etc." Harris has advised the Scholar's Bowl Team since the first competition in 1985.

Scholar's Bowl sponsor Dr. Shelby Harris poses with members of the 1991-92 team. Members include James Johnson from Lena, Misty Cornett from Louisville, Tam Cooper from Decatur, and Rush Callahan from Forest. This year's team was comprised of all sophomores.



Team member James Johnson seems somewhat puzzled by the complexity of the human body, but he knows the questions he will face in competition will be just as complex.



What Europe looked like in 1648 might not interest most students, but it is of interest to Rush Callahan and Misty Cornett whose knowledge of the world might mean scholarship money if they are successful in the Scholar's Bowl competition.

41 Sophomores Named to Who's Who

Late in the fall semester of each year, a select group of East Central students are tapped for the high honor of being named to WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN JUNIOR COLLEGES. This year forty-one students were named to this distinguished list.

Students who are chosen for membership in "Who's Who" are those who show leadership in campus activities as well as academic achievement. Selected by the Scholarship Committee, this year's list includes students from every aspect of student life, those who contributed to athletics and cheerleading, those who assisted in college drama productions and publications, and those who saw to it that the nearly thirty campus organizations functioned properly.

While consideration is given to campus activities, academic achievement is also an important factor in selection.

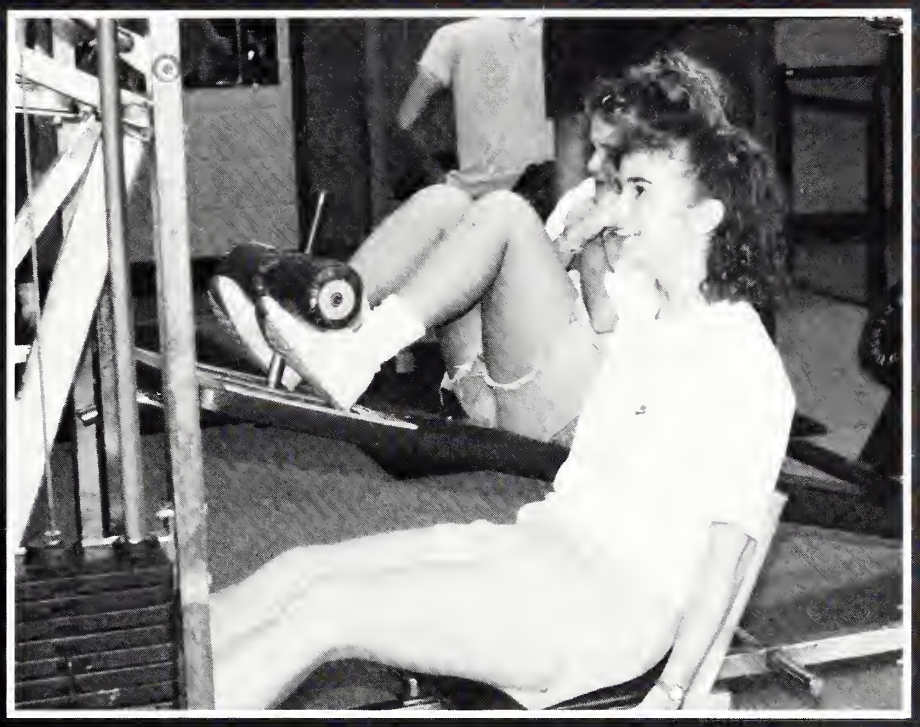
According to Gerald White, Dean of Students, this year's selection process was a difficult one. "We just had so many outstanding nominees that it made the task of selecting the most worthy students a really difficult one."

In commenting on his selection to Who's Who, SBA President Chad Harrison stated, "It is rewarding to know that our efforts are being recognized at a national level by such a prestigious group as this."

East Central students included in the 1991-92 Who's Who included: (Front) Lisa Thompson, Christina Wood, Chasity Young, Apryl Hendon, Ginger Buckley, Amy Fussell, Julie Pair, Darlene Pate, and Keith Johnson; (Row 2) Jerry Dupuy, John Fleming, Eddie Rutherford, Tamara Cooper, Melanie Wilcher, Kim Griffin, Patsy Harris, Lela Ladner, Tina Nicole Flint, Marvin Reynolds, and Richard Nance; (Row 3) Jim Allen, John R. Callahan, Lamar Blalock, James Johnson, Steven C. Harrison, Matthew Strum, Melody Myers, Jan Robinson, John C. Howell, Mark Branning, and Kenny McMullan.

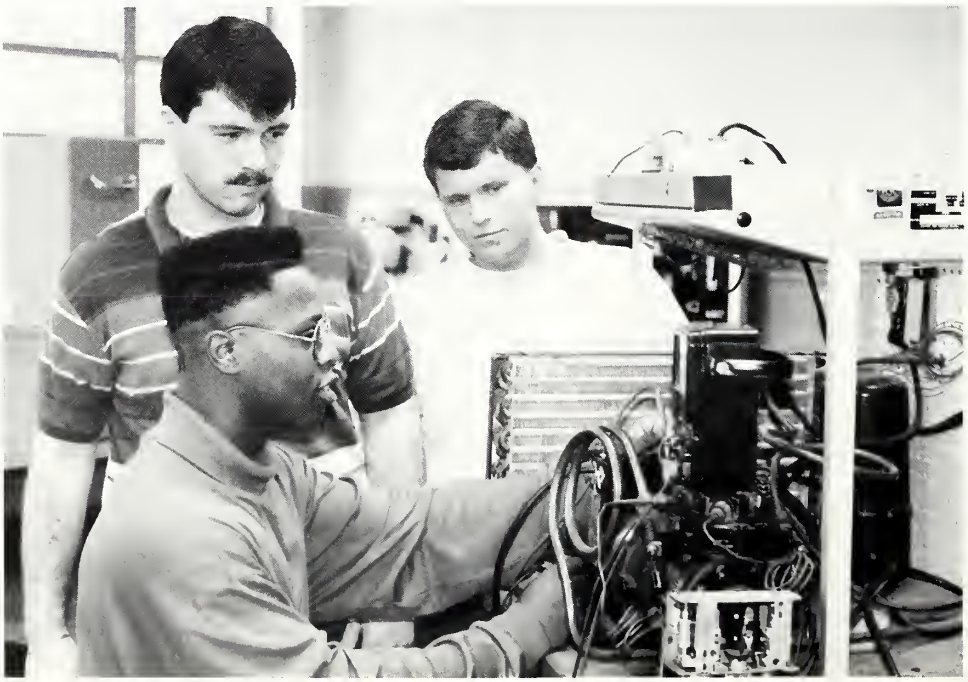
(Left) Who's Who members and fellow cheerleaders Ginger Buckley and Matt Strum perform one of the many feats required of them as cheerleaders. Participation in campus activities is one basis on which Who's Who members are selected.

Sophomore Lela Ladner from Leake County obviously enjoys working out in the weight room as a member of a physical fitness class. Those selected to Who's Who are usually involved in a wide variety of activities, both academic and extra-curricular.



Edinburg sophomore Melanie Wilcher and Decatur sophomore Tam Cooper watch an intramural game from the sidelines. Many of the students selected to Who's Who were involved in intramural competition.

Rebecca Scott, a Drafting and Design Technology major, works on a computer-aided design system. Rebecca, a sophomore from Leake County, will be well-prepared to enter the job market because of the modern equipment and teaching methods EC has offered her and other students.



Tracy Wragg (seated), Todd Wall and David Parker service a refrigeration system in the Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration lab. With the ever-increasing demand for technicians, the three will fit nicely into the work place after graduation.

Networking Means Savings, Innovation for College

The fall semester of 1991 brought exciting things to the vocational-technical division at East Central. An innovative program, called networking, provides a vital link in a new system of operations. The capabilities of this system foreshadow a tremendous step toward the 21st century.

"Networking" is a system of computers consisting of a main data base, computer link-ups, and several computer stations in the building. John Adcock, Director of the Vocational-Technical Division, oversees the networking program with the assistance of Ricky Harrison, Drafting and Design Instructor, and Cheryl Winstead, Electronics Instructor.

The concept of networking is a complex, highly integrated system which actually simplifies the work load of the people who use it. The entire system serves as a communications, information storage, and information outlet network.

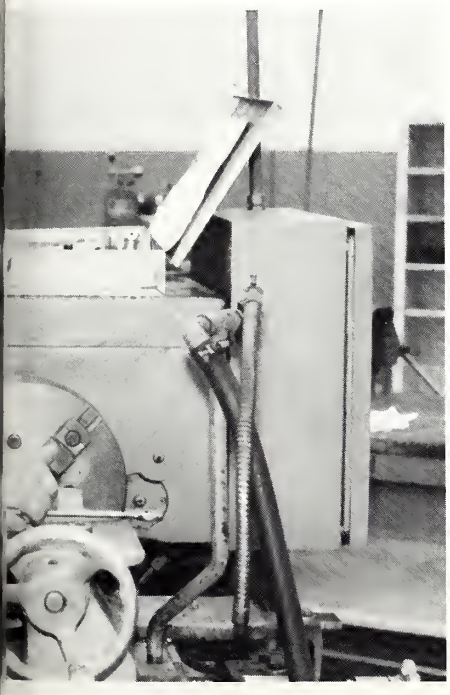
For example, if a design is needed by the Metal Fabrication Department, the layout and development of the design would be constructed in the Drafting Design Department on a computer and sent to the "file saver." Then the Metals Fabrication Department can tap into the computer system and retrieve the design.

The system is also an economic necessity. Without the use of networking, the college would have to purchase seven units of software for its department. With networking, only one unit is needed. Also, each program can tap into the resources of the other programs, offering a further savings. There are, of course, safeguards. The Business Technology students, for example, cannot access the Drafting and Design software or vice versa.

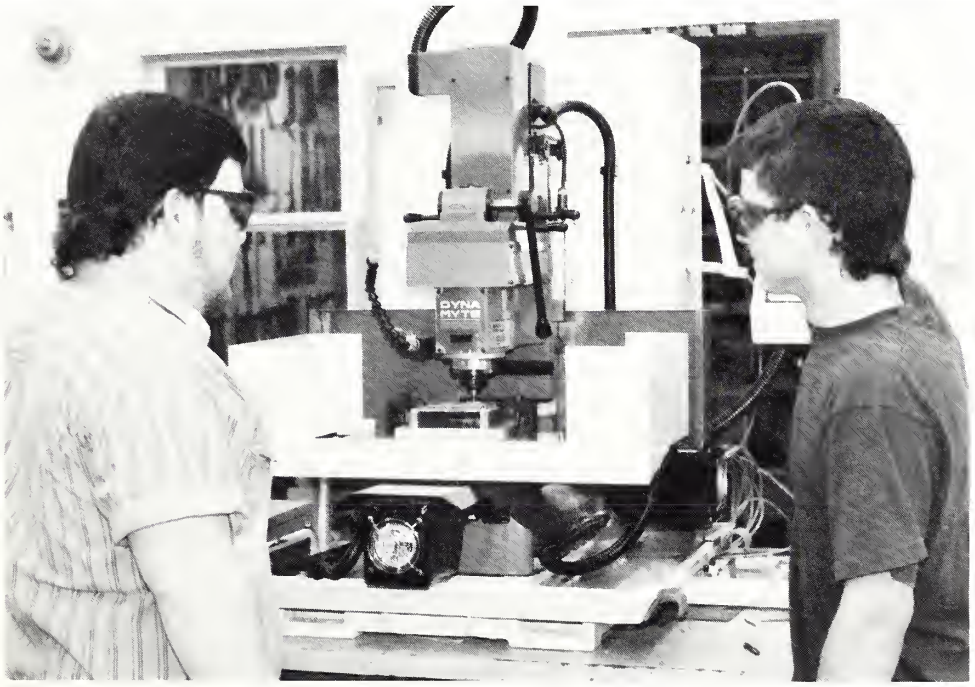
According to Adcock, the potential of networking is tremendous. "It provides savings to the college in that networking allows numerous users to access a particular software stored in the file server. It's a touch of tomorrow available today to East Central students."

One instructor hopes that the system can someday serve as a student guide by providing information concerning campus life, organizational activities, athletic events, etc. Furthermore, while access to the program is currently limited, it might soon provide a nucleus for the entire school.

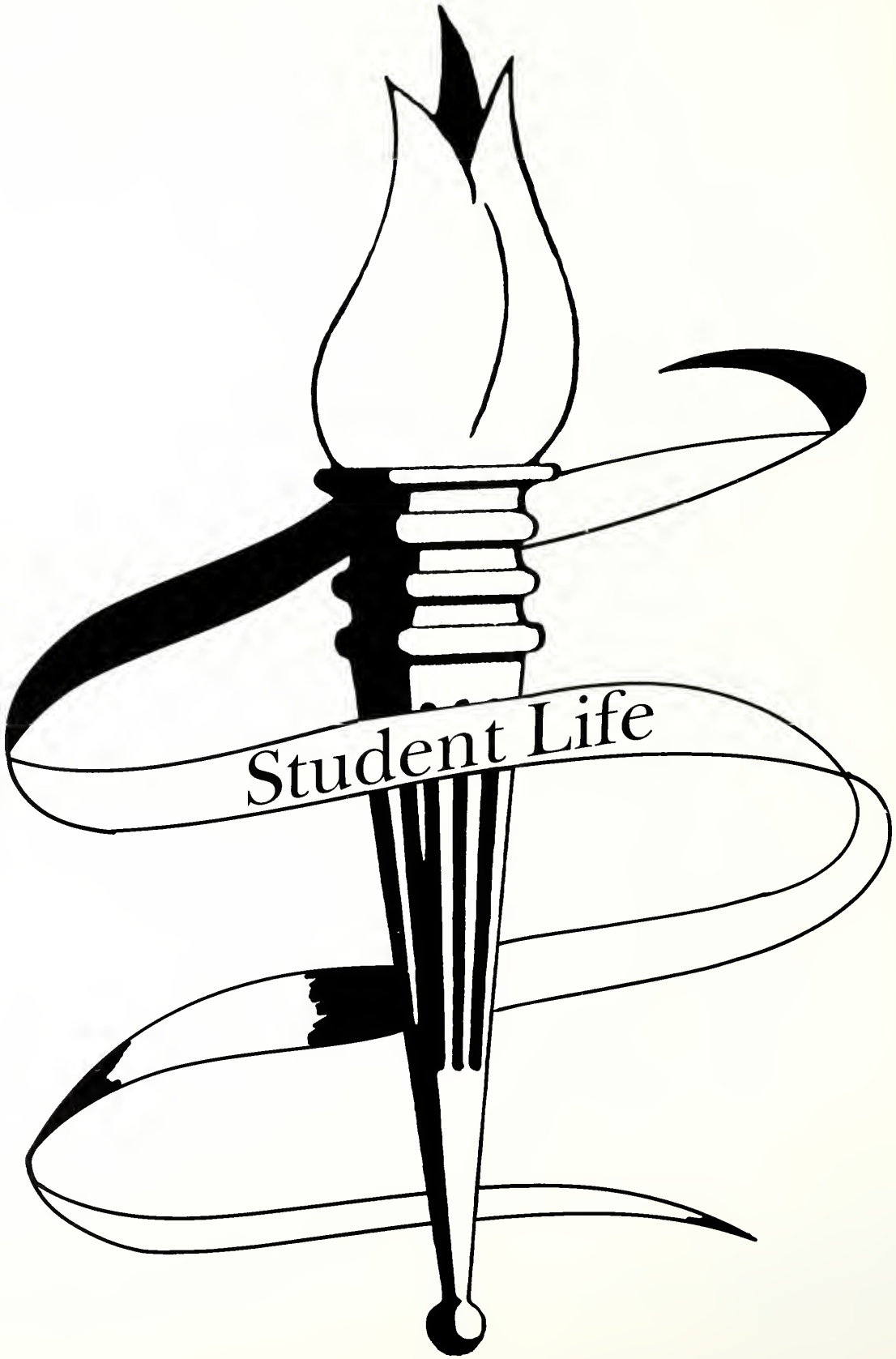
Michelle Garvin and Wesley Sullivan work on a basic programming language application in the new computer lab which is a part of the networking system.



Al Bailey, Jr., a Decatur freshman majoring in Precision Machine Technology, works on an engine lathe in the laboratory.



Precision Machine Technology students Scott Grabher and Mark Hollingsworth work on a CNC mill. Most students who enter the lab for the first time are amazed at the advanced technology available to them.


Student Life

Mary Ann Bamburg of Decatur experiences the normal frustrations of the heat in mid-August band rehearsal. Melissa Overstreet concentrates on getting to the right spot of the field, despite the 100° temperatures.

Golden Opportunities

EC Players Run "Barefoot" through Dinner Theater

Playing to sold-out audiences, the EC Players performed Neil Simon's romantic comedy "Barefoot in the Park" for three nights during the fall semester.

Directed by second-year director Judy Carroll, the play revolves around the comic conflicts between Paul and Corie Bratter, a newly married couple who have just moved into a sixth-floor flat where the skylight leaks and the neighbors are all strange.

The comedy explodes as Corie plays matchmaker between her conservative mother and Mr. Velasco, the outlandish neighbor.

As a young conservative lawyer, Paul's ideas conflict with the flamboyant style of his bride, but as in the case of most romantic comedies, the play ends happily with Paul running barefoot through the park and Corie taking life a little more seriously.

As the bumbling telephone man, David Campbell makes sure the phone doesn't fall again after he has bounced it around the apartment.

Paul (Craig Slawson), the conscientious young lawyer, tries to prepare for his first case as Corie (Lori Rogers) has other things on her mind.

Corie welcomes Paul who is exhausted after climbing the six flights to their new apartment.

"You don't love me anymore," Corie cries after deciding the marriage is over after only six days. "Six days do not a week make," she wails.

Mr. Velasco (J. C. Howell) stresses to Mrs. Banks (Dianne Douglas) that she really is a good sport. Diane, the wife of a minister in Newton and a non-traditional student at EC, found the role in "Barefoot" interesting but definitely challenging when added to her school work and duties at home.

Spring Musical

The Cast

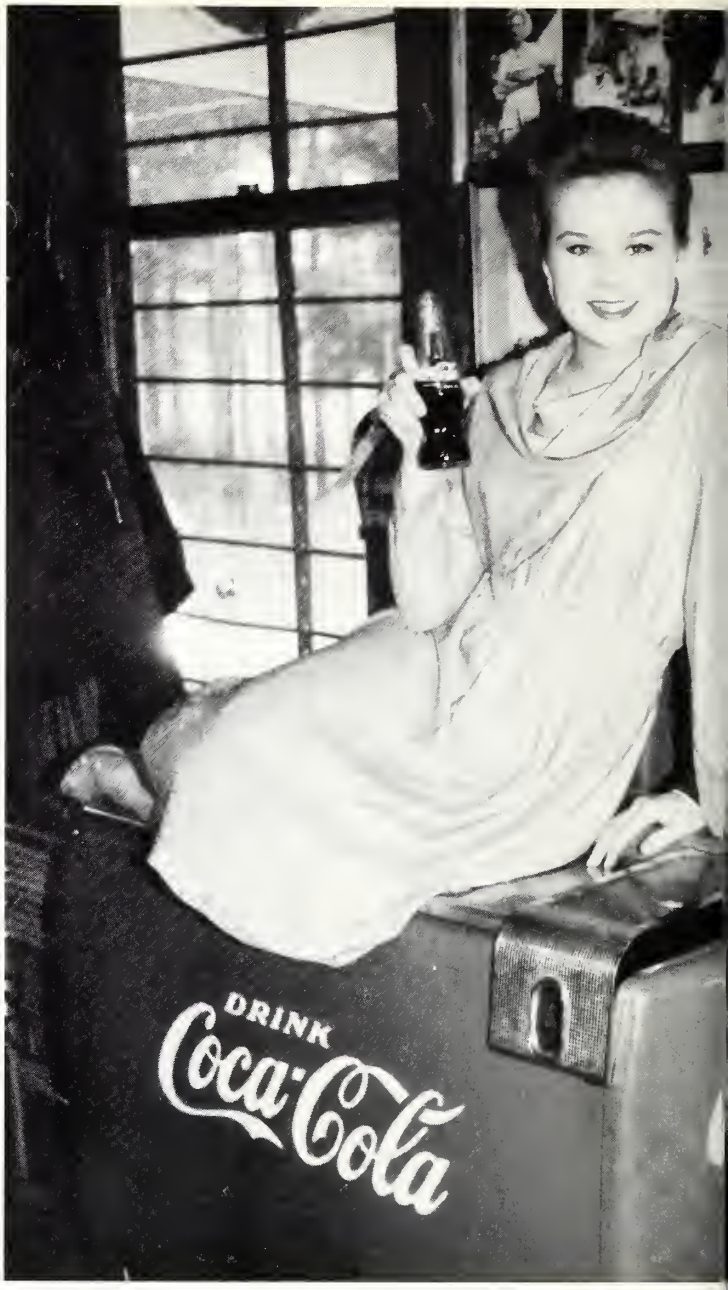
Johnny Cantone	David Campbell
Neal Tilden	Kirk Weems
B. J. Gibson	J. C. Howell
Biff Baker	Nick Pouncey
Zoot Doubleman	Mark Branning
Pops Bailey	David Ezell
Lou Cohn	Richard Luke
Clifton Feddington	Gene Prisock
Stanley	Dewayne Pickens
Wally Ferguson	Chris Dickerson
Ruthie Evans	Rochelle Sparkman
Geneva Brown	Rachel McCool
Ginger Brooks	Penny Rogers
Ann Collier	Maria Leach
Connie Miller	Lori Rogers

A different era and a different kind of entertainment were the setting for the 1992 spring musical, "The 1940s Radio Hour."

Set at a live broadcast of a musical variety hour in 1942, the show accurately captures the spirit of that bygone era when the world was at war and when "pop" music meant "The Chattanooga Choo-Choo."

Director Judy Carroll assembled a fine cast and with the assistance of music instructors Leesa Lee Wilkinson and Charles Hinson and band director Tom Carson proved once again her ability to put together a top-notch show.

The musical was presented April 1 - 4 in the Fine Arts Center.



Lori Rogers and Kirk Weems pose with a 1940s vintage Coca Cola box, reminiscent of the era of the musical in which they played major roles.

Mark Branning, Penny Rogers, Richard Luke, David Campbell and Chris Dickerson found the return to the 1940s an exciting challenge. Penny and daughter Lori formed the first mother-daughter pair to perform in an EC production.

1940s Radio Hour

A Coca Cola sign on the side of the Old Country Store at Causeyville seems the perfect setting for these members of the cast to strike a pose. Coke was a major radio sponsor during early radio broadcasts, along with Pepsi Cola (whose jingle is performed by the cast.)

Rochelle Sparkman and Dewayne Pickens are caught by the camera among the dozens of 40's era posters at Causeyville Store.

Cast members include: Penny Rogers, Mark Branning, J.C. Howell, Lori Rogers, David Ezell, Rochelle Sparkman, Kirk Weems, Dewayne Pickens, Nick Pouncey, Rachel McCool, Barney Comans, Richard Luke, David Campbell, Chris Dickerson and Maria Leach.

Nick Pouncey's Army uniform reminds people that the spring musical is set during the height of World War II. Much of what was broadcast was built around patriotic themes, including advertisements for War Bonds. Maria Leach and Barney Comans are also pictured.

Collegians: Stars, Guitars and "Rock & Roll"

Easily the most popular group on campus, the Collegians again in 1991-92 played to standing room only crowds in Huff Auditorium and toured the high schools in the district to rave reviews.

Ten years ago, band director Tom Carson inherited a small vocal group which performed easy-listening type music. The group has evolved into a "Top 40" rock band which is a major recruiting tool for the college and each year must turn down almost as many invitations as it accepts.

"The Collegians perform the kind of music teenagers like," Carson stated. "And the members of the group enjoy performing together. While we take it seriously, it's also a lot of fun."

This year, like last year, the Collegians had plans to perform at Six Flags after receiving a special invitation. "It's a combination of reward for the group's hard work during the year and having East Central's name put before a pretty large audience," Carson said of the trip.

The fall Collegian concert in Huff Auditorium included Kirk Weems' rendition of "The One and Only." Kim Shirley backs up Kirk on the song.

First year guitarist Jeremy Burson from Union concentrates on one of his solos.

Rapper Vincent Brown of Meridian makes the rest of the collegians sweat in his number "Gonna Make You Sweat."

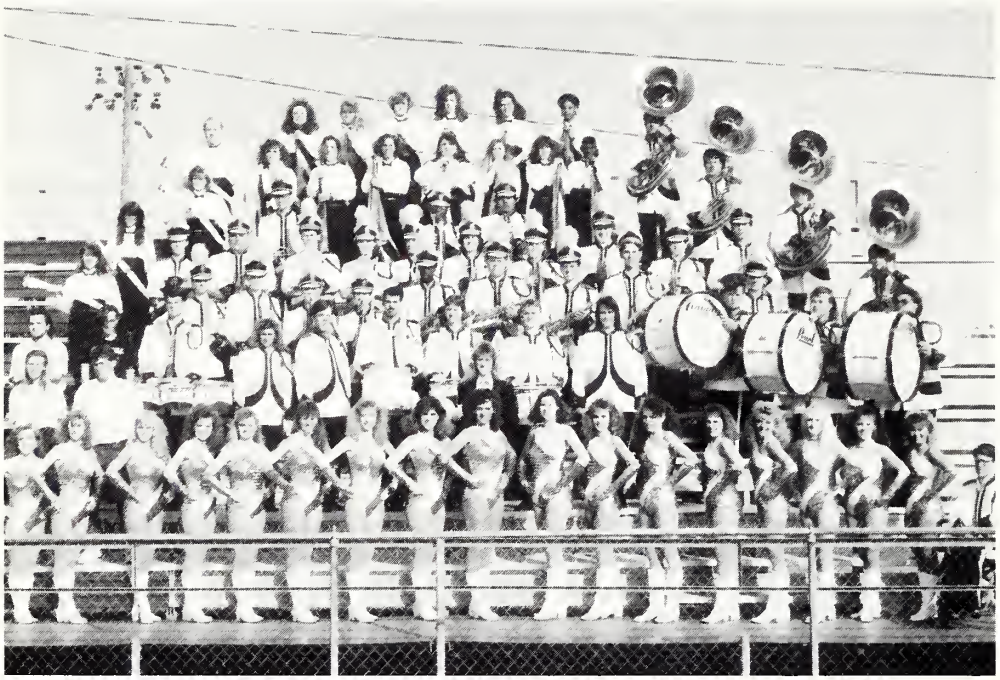
The 1991-92 version of the Collegians included: (Sitting) Tommy Farley, Craig Slawson, Chris Edwards, Michael Duke, and Diego Velasco; (Standing) Vincent Brown, Tommy Denson, Sid McNeil, Jay Fortenberry, Keith Johnson, David Campbell, Kirk Weems, Kim Shirley, Susan McLauchlin, Lisa Thompson, Jay Pippin, Mark Branning, Jeremy Burson, and Tina Davis.

The rhythm section "headbangs" on "Enter Sandman."

David "Soup" Campbell captures the feeling on "Brand New Man."

EC Band "Keeps Time With the Times"

Bigger and better than ever, the 1991 Warrior Marching Band poses for its annual official photo. Under the direction of Tom Carson, the band has shown continuous growth.



Standing at attention, Misty Nowell holds position with her rifle during Sid McNeil's trumpet solo.

Rodney Bost backs up the jazz band on drums, a somewhat easier job than carrying the "quads" he plays in marching band.

Chosen by tryouts at the beginning of second semester, the jazz band spends the second semester rehearsing and performing under Tom Carson's direction.

Band Spirit Grows Each Year

Helping build campus spirit is a part of the band's goal. Wes Breazeale and Becky Measells get into the spirit with their pep rally pep song.

Clark Reynolds, Jay Fortenberry, Marianne Bamberg and Michael Able find jazz band "refreshing" after the exhausting August marching band practices.

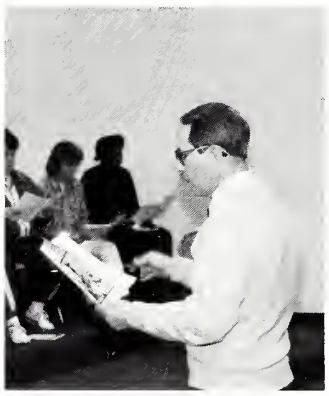
Saxophonist Vince Brown concentrates on the "more serious" composers he faces in concert band music after the "Top 40" hits he plays as a member of the Collegians.

Also functioning during the second semester, the concert band annually presents a spring concert, featuring the music of well-known composers.

"Down Home Blues" was one of the blues numbers performed by 'Round Midnite at halftime of home basketball games. "Soup" Campbell does the vocal while Hank Harms and Mark Branning back up on guitar.

At the fall talent show, 'Round Midniters, Hank Harms and David Campbell performed with an impromptu group with David's hair as a major attraction.

Concert choir director and also director of the Ac'cents Charles Hinson was instrumental in beginning the Ac'cents three years ago to fill a need for a small vocal group to appear at civic clubs and high schools in the area.



Members of the Ac'cents are: (Front) Rachael McCool and Maria Leach; (Row 2) Vickie Hedgepeth, Leslie Ross, and Becky Measells; (Row 3) Richard Nance and Laura Jinkerson; (Back) J. C. Howell.

'Round Midnite, Ac'cents Strike Responsive Chord

Members of both the concert choir and Ac'cents, Maria Leach and Rachel McCool warm up with the choir. The Ac'cents rehearse separately from the choir.

Members of the 91-92 version of 'Round midnite are: Jay Pippin, drums; Mark Branning, bass guitar; (Back) Hank Harms, lead guitar; David "Soup" Campbell, vocalist, Tom Carson, guitar and director.

EC Students "Take Note" of Choral Opportunities

Taking a group of students with a wide variety of backgrounds in music and molding them into a choir is a challenge which choral director Charles Hinson faces each year. This year, Hinson put together the largest choir to take to the risers in the nine years he has been at East Central.

"We offer an opportunity for all students, no matter what their musical training, to experience the joy of singing choral music," Hinson stated. "We select music from all periods and all types so that they learn a great deal about music while they are singing."

Three major concerts are performed by the concert choir each year: The Christmas concert, the Miss. Community College Choral Festival concert in which all the community college choirs participate, and the spring concert.

In addition, the choir makes appearances at the various high schools around the district. During first semester, the group performed at eight different schools.

Another choir which exists on campus and which presents two concerts each year is the Gospel Choir. Under the direction of Child Care Instructor Brenda Johnson, the Gospel Choir rehearses at night and performs a pre-Christmas concert and a spring concert. This group performs largely from the tradition of black gospel music and occasionally invites church choirs to join them in concert.

The Gospel Choir elects a director from among its members each semester as well as Choir officers. During first semester, Pam Pruitt served as Director; Koneshire Gill was President; and Curzine Satcher was Vice-President. Dionna Mitchell was Secretary, and Denise Battle was her assistant. Pianist was Yolanda Moore.

Members of the Gospel Choir not present for the picture include: Yolanda Sledge, Coby Clay, Wanda Edwards, Lamont Corckett, Dionna Mitchell, Rochelle Sparkman, Bernard Ball, Yolanda King, Jennifer Towner, Martenna Gates, Cheryl Roberson, and Yvonne McCowan.

Concentrating of the music while watching the director is a basic element in concert choir rehearsals. Laura Jinkerson and Marianne Bamberg seem to be achieving the goal.

Members of the concert choir pause before the Christmas concert for their formal portrait. Members are: (Front) Leesa Lee Wilkinson (pianist), Kim Shirley, Maria Leach, Lisa Thompson, Rochelle Sessums, Darlene Pate, Marianne Bamburg, Christina Wood, Laural Jinkerson, Susan McCann, Rynthia Anthony, Charles Hinson (Director); (Row 2) Jennifer Henry, Tammy Jones, Vicky Hedgepeth, Rachel McCool, Becky Measells, Jennifer Malone, Angie Sanders, Deana Mitchell, Pam McDowell, Mae Martin; (Row 3) Tommy Farley, J. C. Howell, Jeremy Burson, Richard Nance, Sid McNeil, Kip Barrier, Michael Duke, Hank Harms, and Leslie Ross.

Faculty Advisor Brenda Johnson checks with Gospel Choir member Darrell McCurry as choir president Koneshire Gill chats with other members prior to a concert.

"I think I've got it!" concert choir members think as the choir warms up prior to a rehearsal. J. C. Howell, Sid McNeil, and Michael Duke are all sophomore choir members.

Members of the Gospel Choir include: (Front) Monica Logan, Koneshire Gill, Denise Battle, Ocean Moore: (Row 2) Wanda Edwards, Rochelle Sparkman, Paula Thames; (Row 3) Mrs. Brenda Johnson, Darrell McCurry, and Pam Pruitt. The choir had approximately twenty members.

Mu Alpha Theta, Fashion Squad, BSU

Alice Pouncey has sponsored the East Central Fashion Squad for the past twenty years. In that time, she has watched members of the squad go on to become highly successful individuals who tell her that their experience in the Squad helped them numerous times in both social and professional situations.

This year, Mrs. Pouncey has twenty-five members of the Squad, including six men (the largest number of men ever to be in the Squad). Of the men, one is a football player, one a basketball player, and one a baseball player.

"Marcus Stribling, a popular basketball player wanted to be in the Squad," Mrs. Pouncey stated, "and I think when other young men saw that he was enjoying the Modeling Class, it encouraged them to join."

Members of the Modeling Squad must first complete the Introduction to Modeling class during the fall semester and undergo tryouts conducted by outside judges.

The Squad appears at the fall dinner theater and then in the spring makes ten to twelve appearances at high schools in the district, making a total of approximately fifteen appearances per year.

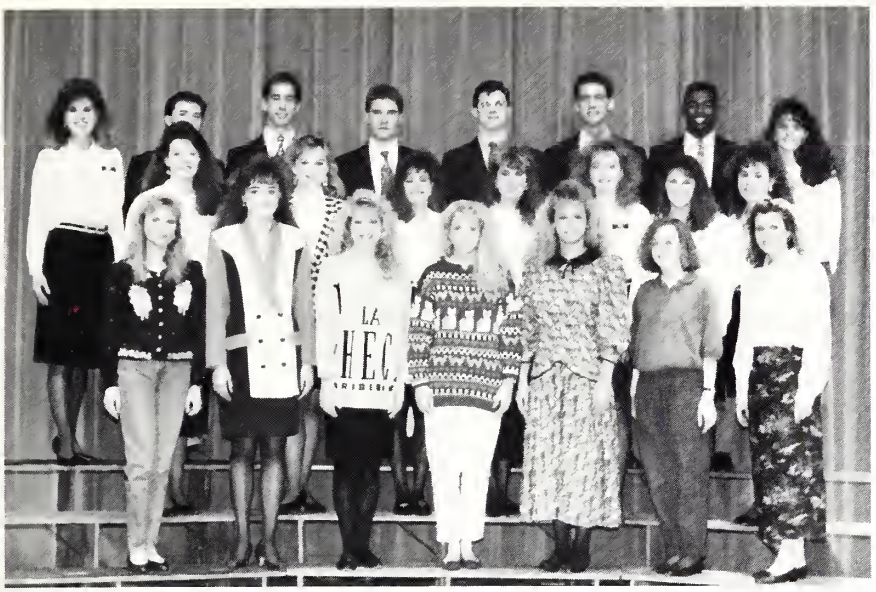
Sophomore Angel Truhett from Little Rock, models a fall fashion at a show presented for students. The show featured fashions from Meh Ladies in Forest.

Busy BSUers

The day after Christmas, a group of EC students, BSU student missionaries, and their Director, Tim Glaze and his wife Laurie, left Decatur for a mission trip to Argentina. After some problems enroute (including a student having her purse snatched), the group arrived in Argentina and completed a successful mission trip.

This mission trip was just one of dozens of activities carried out by the BSU this year. Always a popular place, the BSU Center provides a place where students can go to relax in an atmosphere of Christian support.

Sophomore Darlene Pate from Hickory pauses on election day to vote. Darlene was a member of the group which spent most of Christmas holidays on a mission trip to Argentina.



The 1991-92 version of the Fashion Squad includes: (Front) Linda Jones, Hollie Havers, Julie Pair, Nikki Ivy, Wendy Ellis, Michelle Wade, and Stacy Copeland; (Row 2) Tam Cooper, Lori Rogers, Ginger Buckley, Amy Fussell, Lynda Kelly, Jennifer Anderson, and Vicky Nixon; (Row 3) Christina Wood, Matthew Freeny, Jason Mangum, Robbie Pierce, Scott Wesson, Nick Pouncey, Marcus Stribling, and Patsy Harris.

Officers of the Baptist Student Union are: (Front) Tim Glaze; Director; Tommy Farley, Freshman Rep.; Brenda Johnson, BSU-Black Student Fellowship Director; J. C. Howell, President; (Back) Annette Carter, Outreach; Dawn Freeman, Secretary; Tammie Walker, Fine Arts; Yolanda Sledge, BSF Committee; Cheryl Roberson, BSF Committee, Charmaletta Sledge, BSF Chairperson; Darlene Pate, Social Chairperson; LeGina Bishop, Missions.

Those selected to membership in Mu Alpha Theta, national math honorary society, are: (Front) Jason Smith, Tam Cooper, Lela Ladner, Ricky Cook, Robbie Pierce, and Alex Hoye; (Row 2) Lori Rogers, Stacy Copeland, Sonja Quinn, Kim Thornton, Tracy Blackburn, Jennifer Anderson, Brandi Parkes; (Row 3) Bruce Lee, Patsy Harris, Craig Youngblood, Noel Sharp, Stacey Smith, Bobby Jenkins, Rush Callahan; (Row 4) Lamar Blalock, Richie Rivers, Matt Strum, Lynnette Cooksey, Cathie Jones, Kim Griffin, and Jay Mills.

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Students who are members of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau include: Jenia Little, Sherry Holloway, Lisa Thompson, Jennifer Anderson, Susan Williams, Michael Duke: (Row 2) Laura Johson, Anita Winstead, Carla Thomas, Lynda Kelly, Kim Griffin, Angie Bryant, Nicole Flint; (Row 3) Eddie Rutherford, Wade Wall, Leslie Ross, Tommy Farley, Brian Cumberland, and Rodney Bost.

LIFE, the environmental organization on campus, sponsored by Gail Wood, has the following members: (Front) Wade Wall, Treasurer; LaKeshia Harvey, Jody Bingham, (Back) Gail Wood, Eddie Rutherford, Vice-President; James Johnson, President; and Alton Conn, Secretary.

Those who joined Phi Beta Lambda, the business fraternity, are: (Front) Tammy Grant and Frederick Bell; (Row 2) Sequita Williams, Alton Conn, Jan Hammons, Michelle Wilcher, LaKeshia Harvey, and Martha Sibley; (Row 3) Neil Bishop, Nick Pouncey, Rachael Robinson, Glenda Dennis, Angela Sanderson, Linda West, and James Gray; (Row 4) Sabrina Burrage, Amy Burchfield, and Debbie McCool.

LIFE, Phi Beta Lambda, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau

East Central attempts to provide opportunities for every student to find organizations which appeal to his or her particular interests. Therefore, a wide range of organizations exists, and new organizations are formed as interest develops.

One example of this can be found in the formation three years ago of an environmental club called LIFE. LIFE is an acronym for "Leaders Investing in the Future of Our Environment."

"I've always been concerned with the future of our environment," Vice-President Eddie Rutherford stated, "and the LIFE organization gives me a chance to meet with other students who are also concerned."

Phi Beta Lambda exists for the purpose of furthering interest in the field of business. Each year the local chapter sends students to state competition where they are able to show their skills in such fields as typing, accounting, machine transcription, and computer usage.

Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, under the sponsorship of Ron Davis, is for those students who plan a career in any phase of the medical field. The organization attempts to assist students in finding out more about requirements for entering each field and about job opportunities in the field. One project is a field trip to the University Medical Center where students can observe first hand many kinds of medical careers.

Sigma Sigma Mu Tau member Tommy Farley isn't interested solely in medical phenomenon. Here he (she?) presents his talent number during the "Mess Pageant."

Planning Careers

If you think dorm life is "all play and no work," then think again. While there is a generous amount of play in the dorm, a chance passerby would be surprised to hear the serious discussions which go on there. "I know I want to be in the medical field, but I'm not sure just which direction to go," might be a typical comment.

"Yuk! I don't want to be around sick people. I want to work in an office and be the boss over lots of handsome men," the coed's roommate might reply.

Careers shouldn't be selected casually, and these late night dormitory discussions probably help students make conscientious decisions.

Becky Scott, Clara Thomas, and Anita Winstead look over some materials which might help them make better career decisions as they relax in the dorm.

Newsome & Jackson Hall Councils, Phi Theta Kappa

The Women's Dorm Councils have the important task of assisting the dormitory supervisors in seeing that all women in the dormitories have a pleasant, relaxed environment in which to reside.

Phi Theta Kappa, a national honorary scholastic society for community and junior colleges, this year had one of its usual busy years. Beginning early in the fall, the group participated in the "Vote America Campaign." At the kickoff meeting, Tam Cooper was one of three PTK members from the State who were selected to speak.

Other chapter projects included sale of homecoming mums and participation in the sign contest, roadside cleanup, assisting with BSU food drive, attending national convention in Washington, D.C., and hosting the Miss.-La. Leadership Conference of more than 100 members and advisors.

Matt Strum, PTK President and a national PTK Model Student, pauses in his busy schedule for a photo with PTK Secretary Tam Cooper.

PTK OFFICERS

Phi Theta Kappa officers carry a heavy responsibility each year as they assist advisors Shelby Harris and Ann Burkes in planning and carrying out chapter activities.

Requirements for membership in PTK are stringent. A freshman must have a 3.4 GPA on 12 hours of transferable credit taken at East Central, and sophomores must have a 3.3.

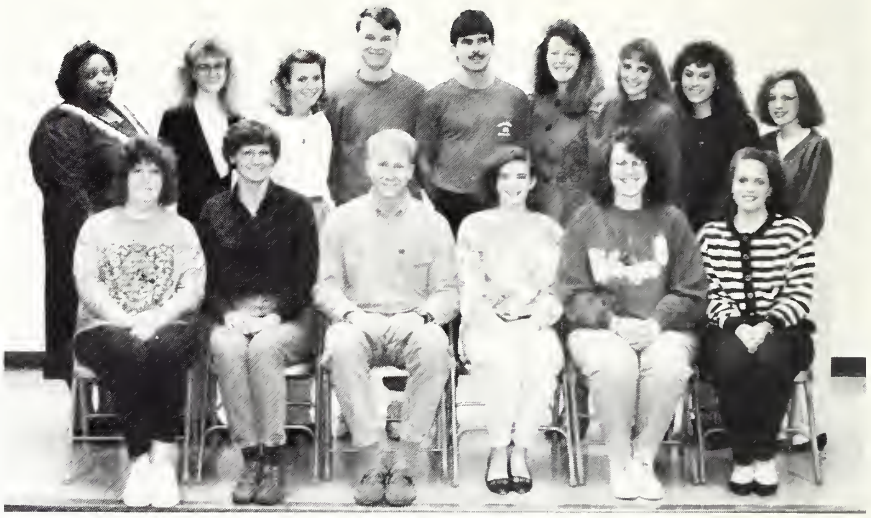
At the end of first semester of the 91-92 year, approximately 50 students had achieved GPA's which entitled them to an invitation to membership. After receiving the invitation, students attend an orientation meeting before accepting the invitation and being initiated.

PTK Officers for 91-92 are: (Front) Chasity Young, VP for Fellowship; Lela Ladner, VP for Leadership; Patsy Harris, Historian; (Back) Rush Callahan, VP for Service; Tam Cooper, Secretary; James Johnson, VP for Programs; Kim Griffin, VP for Scholarship, and Matt Strum, President.

Phi Theta Kappa members are: (Front) Melody Myers, Craig Youngblood, Michael Mouton, Jason Smith, James Johnson, Matt Strum, Chad Harrison, Jerry Dupuy, Rush Callahan; (Back) Dr. Shelby Harris (Advisor), Tammy Wilkerson, Onie Crook, Susie Williams, Patsy Harris, Tam Cooper, Kim Griffin, Cathy Jones, Lela Ladner, Mrs. Ann Burkes (Advisor), Chasity Young.

Jackson Hall Council members are: Sonya Dawkins, President; Tracy Gilbert, Vice-President; Teswha Haynes, Secretary; (Standing) Angela Sanders, Religion Chairperson; Rochelle Sparkman, Civic Chairperson.

Members of the Newsome Hall Dorm Council are: (from left) Kim Griffin, President; Chris Edwards, Vice-President; and Lynda Kelly, Secretary.



Student Education Association members include: Frances Hicks, Shirley Skinner, Ken McMullan, Lela Ladner, Cathie Jones, and Dawn Jones; (Row 2) Annie Smith, Rachel Edwards, Stacy Copeland, Jason Gentry, Richard Walker, Tam Cooper, Tracy Blackburn, Vicky Nixon, and Michele Wade.

Students selected as Warrior Corps members include: (Front) Kim Goss, Kaycee Carmichael, Apryl Hendon, Ginger Buckley, Lela Ladner, Michelle Wilcher, Lynda Kelly, Kim Griffin, Misty Nowell, Angie Bryan, and Justin Fisher; (Row 2) Tam Cooper, Lori Rogers, Christina Wood, Amy Fussell, Nicole Flint, Melanie Wilcher, Rebecca Nanderporten, Jennifer Anderson, Vicky Nixon, and Brandi Parkes; (Row 3) Brian Cumberland, Lamar Blalock, Kevin Smith, Matt Strum, Rodney Bost, Nick Pouncey, Chad Harrison, Rush Callahan, and John Fleming.

Members of the President's Council include: (Seated) Dr. Gerald White, Kim Griffin, Patsy Harris, James Johynson, and Dr. Eddie M. Smith; (Second Row) Nicole Flint, Tam Cooper, Amy Fussell, Wendy Ellis, Lela Ladner, Ocean Moore, Koneshire Gill, Sonya Quinn, and Shirley Skinner; (Row 3) Chad Harrison, Matt Strum, Ken McMullan, Clark Reynolds, Chad Massey, Keith Body, Mark Branning, J. C. Howell, Rush Callahan, and Kirk Weems.

SEA, President's Council, Warrior Corps

Phi Theta Kappan, Warrior Corps member, and member of the President's Council Tam Cooper prepares to place a sign to indicate that she, Michael Mouton, Dr. Shelby Harris, and James Johnson will be joining other EC students in cleaning up a two-mile stretch of highway.

Three important organizations on campus are the Student Education Association, the President's Council, and the Warrior Corps.

The Student Education Association is important because it looks after the interests of those students who plan to become teachers. Among the speakers invited by club officers and advisor Lucille Wood was Raymond McMullan who annually speaks to the club about the National Teachers Exam, and this year a special guest speaker was Mrs. Joyce Luke, a former SEA member currently an elementary librarian.

The President's Council is composed of all the presidents of organizations on the campus. They meet monthly with Dr. Eddie Smith, President of the College, and Dr. Gerald White, Dean of Students, to keep them informed of what the different organizations are involved in, to help coordinate activities among the different organizations, and to serve as a liaison between administration and student groups.

Among the busiest groups on campus, the Warrior Corps is comprised of thirty students, representing the five counties which support East Central. Members are chosen by interview after completing an application. Since the Warrior Corps is the group which goes out to represent EC and because it serves as hosts and hostesses to many groups which meet on the campus, requirements for selection are stringent. A pleasant personality, a positive outgoing attitude, and good communication skills are key components which all Warrior Corps members share.

EC Ambassadors

Advisor Dr. Gregg Jefcoat is very proud of the EC Warrior Corps. Starting from the day they are selected, Dr. Jeffcoat works with the Corps, first to orient them to what will be expected of them, and then to coordinate all the events which Warrior Corps members are involved in.

One major part of the Warrior Corps' work is high school recruiting. Two members of the group go with the EC representatives to the high schools to give high school seniors a student's perspective on what the college has to offer.

Justin Fisher, freshman Warrior Corps member, hands out information packets at fall registration. Assisting with registration is just one of the many duties expected of Warrior Corps members.

TOM-TOM, WO-HE-LO, VICA Club

Two student publications are produced at East Central each school year. The school newspaper, this year under the sponsorship of Mrs. Virginia Pace, contains news and features of current interest to students and faculty. The yearbook, the WO-HE-LO, is delivered to the students during the final week of school in May so that they may carry with them a chronicle of the entire year's activities.

Concerning the WO-HE-LO, Advisor Mrs. Carol Vickers stated, "Most students think the title of the yearbook came from a Choctaw word, particularly since the newspaper is called the TOM-TOM, and our athletic teams are the Warriors. However, the yearbook took its name from the first syllables of the words, 'Work, Heart, Love.' It is an appropriate title since it exemplifies the three qualities we like to find in our students."

In contrast to the publication staffs which are small in size, the VICA Club this year had 110 members. The VICA Club is composed of interested students who are enrolled in Vocational or Technical Programs and who wish to be a part of the wide variety of activities the group sponsors.

TOM-TOM staff member Clint Wright prepares to interview Lady Warrior basketball player Amy Apperson in the informal setting of the East Mall.

VICA Officers

Several students and faculty members gained weight this year because of the VICA Club's candy sales. However, it was for a good cause because all money earned went toward club projects which include cleaning up a two-mile strip of Highway 15 South of Decatur and financing representatives of the club who go to state and national competition. Through the years, the EC Chapter has had a number of winners in such competitions as carpentry, electricity, and air-conditioning and refrigeration.

Another project of the group is a blood drive which the club sponsors each year. "It's the least we can do," advisor Lester Miles stated. "Giving blood doesn't cost the individual anything by may save someone's life.'

VICA Club officers are: (Front) Becky Scott, Treasurer; Keith Body, President; Tammy Williamson, Vice-President; (Back) Tommy Warnsley, Chaplain; Stanley Rushing, Historian; and Michael Pool, Reporter. Teresa Thornton, Secretary, is not pictured.

With more than 100 members yearly, the VICA Club (Vocational-Industrial Clubs of America) is easily the largest organization on campus. Sponsor Lester Miles leads the organization in a wide variety of service activities each year as well as sponsoring local winners to state and national competition.

Members of the 1991-92 WO-LE-LO staff include: (Front) Lee Boykin, Allison Lawrence Kelley (Associate Editor), Darlene Pate; (Row 2) Rochelle Sessums, Carol Vickers (Advisor), Melanie Wilcher (Editor); (Row 3) Floyd Bozeman, Paul Glass, and Stephen Ford. Staff member Eddie Rutherford is not pictured.

Students who assisted in publishing the TOM-TOM are: (Front) Shane Sullivan, Joe Goodwin, Douglas Morris, John Fleming, Clarence White, Jody Bingham, Juette Bingham; (Row 2) Jaye Jaye Copeland, Rebecca Milling, Stacey Smith, Tracy Blackburn, Christy Pierce, Tammie Petty, Shirley Skinner; (Row 3) Kevin Clark, Clint Wright, James Johnson, David Nelson, Brian Frink, and Neil Bishop.

Members of Students in Free Enterprise are: (Front) James Hoye, Chad Massey, and LaKeshia Harvey; (Back) Laurie Glaze (Advisor), Lamar Blalock, and Bobby Jenkins. Those not pictured are Brad Foley and Charmaletta Sledge.

Alpha Alpha Epsilon "The Engineers" has the following members: (Front) Rush Callahan, Lamar Blalock, Jason Smith, Ricky Cook, and Al Rigdon; (Back) Alex Hoye, Dan Colter, Jeff Knight, Bobby Jenkins, Mark Norman, Ben McLemore, Richie Rivers, and Chad Massey. Those not pictured are: Stephen Ford, Mark Chandler, Monty Suggs, Jay Fortenberry, Brian Frink, Monica Jones, and Richard Luke.

EC coeds who joined the Diamond Girls to support the baseball Warriors are: (Kneeling) Shelia Gibbs, Lela Ladner, Wendy Ellis, Chasity Young, and Amy Apperson; (Standing) Brandi Parks, Vicky Nixon, Cindy Sharp, Julie Bryan, Merri Giles, Tammy Petty, and Brooke Smith.

Diamond Girls, SIFE, Alpha Alpha Epsilon

Seven members of AAE were selected as National Collegiate Engineering Scholars. Those selected were: (Front) Richie Rivers, Joey Coghlan, Jason Smith, Lamar Blalock, Jeff Knight, Rush Callahan, and Alex Hoye.

One of the most active organizations on campus, Alpha Alpha Epsilon is also one of the oldest organizations at East Central. It was chartered on Nov. 11, 1963, advisor Shelby Harris' first year at EC.

The chapter each year involves itself in activities which will not only enrich the campus but will give members a realistic idea of what being an engineer is about. This year the chapter donated $100 to the Huff renovation project, a sum which pushed their total contribution over the $500 mark and entitled the chapter to have its name placed on a plaque in Huff Auditorium.

One vital part of the AAE's program is that of having engineers from the surrounding area to speak to the members about all phases of professional engineering from Civil to Petroleum. They also invite the Deans of the Ole Miss and Miss. State Schools of Engineering to come and speak to the group.

Students in Free Enterprise is a club which is concerned with furthering the free enterprise system on which the American economic system is based.

The Diamond Girls are young women on campus who enjoy baseball and support the team by working at games. The Diamond Girls were begun when Coach Jamie Clark came to East Central to fulfill a need he saw in the baseball program and to promote interest in baseball on campus.

AAE Officers

Students who come to East Central to major in engineering find a support system rarely available to college students. First of all, they have the very best available in instruction in the difficult math and science courses required. According to Dr. Shelby Harris, "We constantly get feedback from the universities that our students are well prepared for the upper level engineering courses, and that makes us strive even harder to maintain that standard of excellence."

Another source of support is the local chapter of Alpha Alpha Epsilon, a national engineering society. Dr. Harris pushes the members of AAE to participate in activities on campus in addition to the heavy load of academics required in engineering.

1991-92 Alpha Alpha Epsilon officers are: (Seated) Rush Callahan, President; Al Rigdon, Vice-President; (Standing) Jason Smith, Secretary; Lamar Blalock, Treasurer; Richard Luke, Reporter; Rick Cook, Social Chairman; and Dr. Shelby Harris, Advisor.

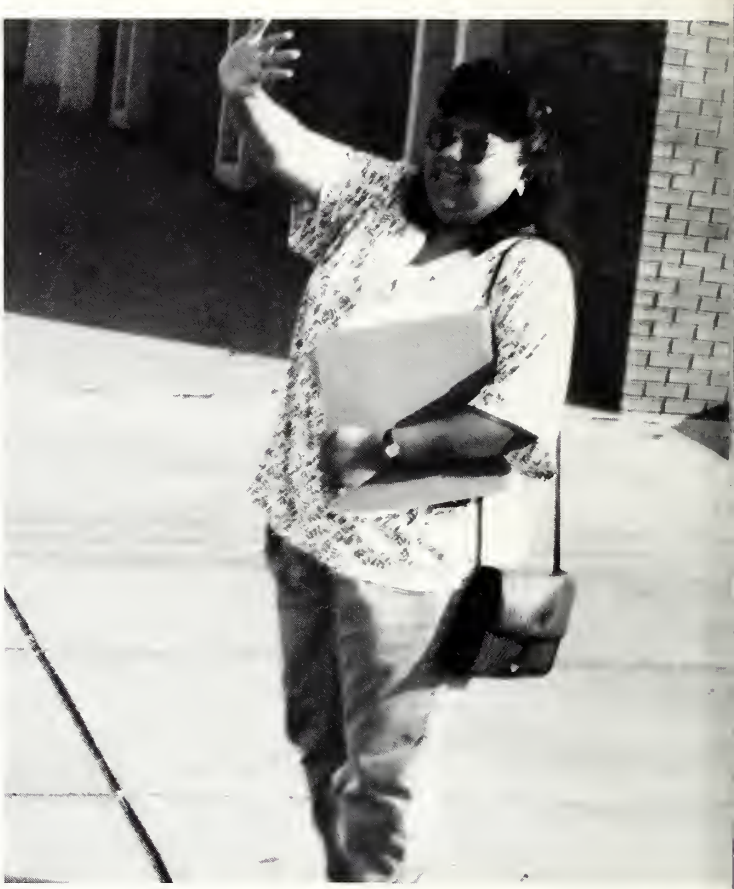
EC Players, Native Americans, New Directions

Three diverse organizations on campus are the EC Players, the Native American Club, and New Directions.

The EC Players are those students who are interested in dramatics and provide a nucleus of students to support the production of plays and musicals. Sonja Quinn of Louisville was President of the group in 91-92, a year which saw the highly successful production of "Barefoot in the Park" during the fall and "1940's Radio Hour" in the spring.

The Native American Organization was organized several years ago to promote pride and interest among the more than 100 Native Americans who are enrolled.

New Directions was organized five years ago to provide a support group for non-traditional students on campus.



Native American Darnell Isaac gives a wave to fellow students as she starts toward the library. Darnell was active in a number of campus activities, particularly BSU.

"Barefoot" Principals

When Director Judy Carroll came to East Central in the fall of 1990, she inherited the herculean task of replacing a director who had been on campus some 23 years. "I knew I could not compete with Mr. Peterson's reputation," Miss Carroll stated, "so I tried to take some new directions."

Her first change was to replace the tradition of three one-act plays in the fall to one full-length play. And the change was highly successful.

This year, Ms. Carroll made another big change. Instead of a popular Broadway, big-name musical, she chose to do "The 1940s Radio Hour," a totally different type musical than had been done at EC. Once again, her judgment proved sound.

"Barefoot" principals, Craig Slawson, Lori Rogers, and Dianne Douglas make a toast to the newlyweds and their new apartment.

Non-traditional students who were a part of the New Directions organization are: (Front) Tammy Grant, Shirley Skinner, Annie Smith, JoBeth Tolbert; (Back) Cheryl Winstead (Advisor), Debra Jerrell, Bobbie Gray, and Frances Hicks.

Members of the Native American Club include: (Front) Tammy Grant and Fredrick Bell; (Back) Sequita Williams, Marsha Comby, Lewis Fariah, Tracy Willis, Renee Williams, Shelly Peeples, Jennifer Henry, and Trisalene Billy. Gloria Johnson is the advisor.

Students participating in the EC Players are: (Front) J. C. Howell, Darlene Pate, Becky Measell, Susan McCann, Laura Jinkerson, Sonja Quinn; (Row 2) Nick Pouncey, Lori Rogers, Robert Haralson, David Campbell, Christina Edwards, Nikki Ivy, Tommy Farley; (Row 3) Tam Cooper, Michael Duke, and Angie Sanders. The group is sponsored by Judy Carroll.

Freshman class officers for 1991-92 are: Kirk Weems, President; Brian Cumberland, Vice-President; Rebecca Vanderporten, Secretary; and Nick Pouncey, Treasurer.

Sophomores elected to lead their class are: Clark Reynolds, President; Tina Davis, Vice-President; Lynda Kelly, Secretary; and Lela Ladner, Treasurer.

Those serving as SBA Officers are: Chad Harrison, President; Matt Strum, Vice-President; Tam Cooper, Secretary; and Kim Griffin, Treasurer.

Freshman & Sophomore Officers, SBA Officers

When activities occur on the campus, many students take for granted that they "just happen." The average student doesn't appreciate the hard work that three groups on campus put in so that activities "just happen."

Beginning with the first week of school when a different activity (such as the hypnotist show and watermelon cutting) takes place each night, the SBA stays busy all year. With such responsibilities as elections (Homecoming court, class offices, Mr. and Miss ECCC, Class Favorites), dances, talent shows, movies, and others, the group spends a great deal of their out-of-class time in planning and executing student activities.

In addition, the members serve on various committees such as Absentee Appeals and Discipline Hearing Committees.

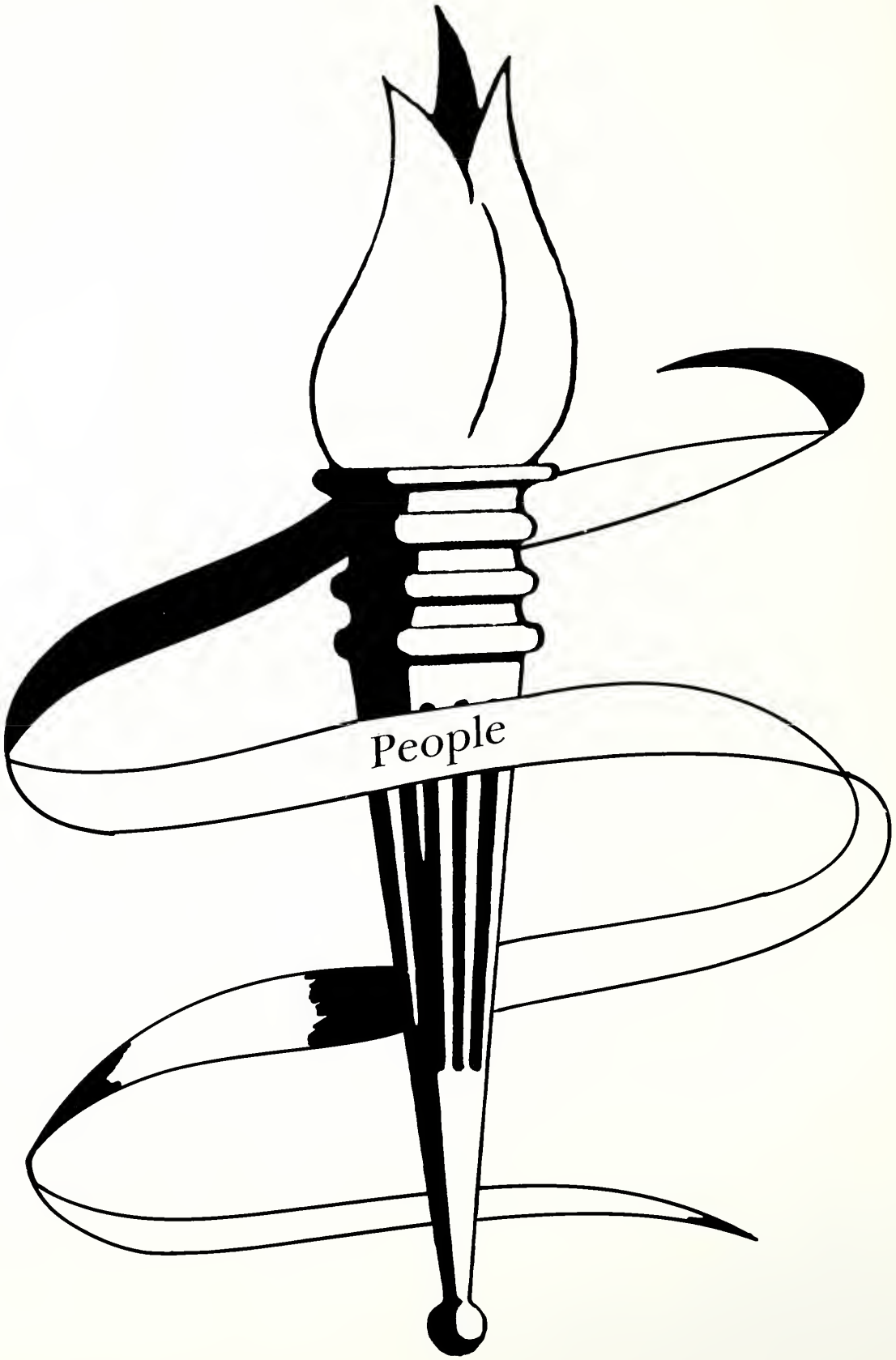
"Since I plan to be an attorney, I feel that my experience with the SBA will be valuable to me in the future. And I've really enjoyed it," stated SBA President Chad Harrison.

SBA Treasurer Kim Griffin visits with Julie Pair at a pep rally, one of the many activities which SBA Officers were involved in.

Busy People

"If you want something done, get a busy person to do it," is an old adage which seems to be true. On the EC Campus, those busy students who work as officers and leaders in organizations are also those who are usually involved as members of intramural teams, play casts, tennis matches, and publication staffs. They also are traditionally good students academically speaking and go on to universities to succeed in their chosen fields.

Freshman Class President Kirk Weems visits with friend Mendy Smith. In addition to being class President, Kirk is a member of the Collegians and a cheerleader, forcing him to organize his personal time very carefully.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Decatur freshmen Jennifer Anderson and Nick Pouncey occupy a spot on the curb during a pep rally, apparently oblivious to the activity going on around them.

Framed in Gold

Busy President's Schedule Doesn't End at 5 p.m.

A college president in 1992 has to be an individual who is willing to devote more than the traditional eight-hour day to a job. In fact, a college president today must be a person who can be comfortable wearing many hats. Dr. Eddie M. Smith is such a person.

Often working from 8 a.m. until 10:30 or 11:00 p.m., Dr. Smith finds himself handling major decisions concerning the administration of the East Central District while at the same time finding time to work on numerous community projects.

As a member of the Greater Decatur Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, he has served as Second and First Vice-President and as President. In 1988-89 he was Chairman of the United Givers' Fund.

As a member of the Decatur Lions Club, he participates in club projects. He is a member of the Newton County Community Development Association Board and is a member of the Newton County Community Concert Board of Directors. In that capacity, he recently accepted a grand piano on behalf of the college, a gift from the Community Concerts' Board.

An avid Warrior fan, Dr. Smith attends all home athletic events and "as many of the away games as is possible."

One of the non-professional activities which Dr. Smith finds most meaningful is his church participation. He is organist for Clarke-Venable Baptist Church in Decatur, and his wife Charlotte serves as pianist. He is a Deacon of the church, as he was in the Wesson Baptist Church and Parkway Baptist Church in Natchez.

"Being elected a deacon is, to me, both a high honor and a major responsibility. It provides a unique opportunity of service for my Lord."

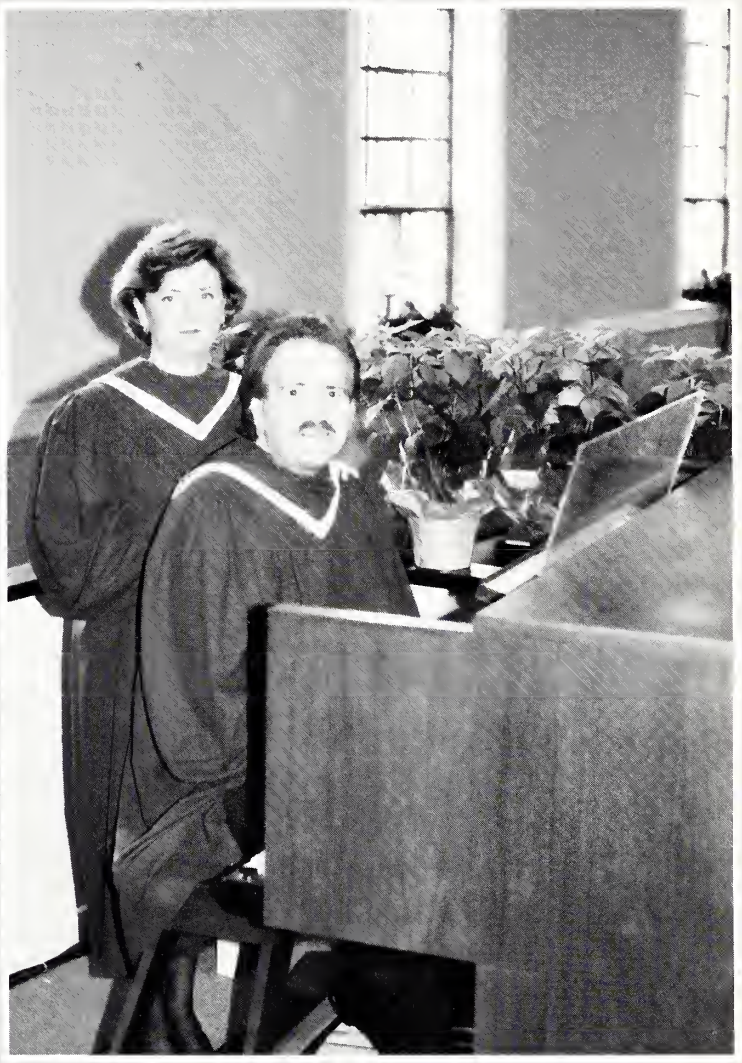
In his spare time, Dr. Smith likes to fish, and a trophy catch adorns the wall of his office.

Dr. Smith has served East Central well as its President since 1985, and in addition, he has served the town of Decatur and the East Central area well, often driving fifty miles to attend a meeting after a full day at the office.

"I try to reserve Friday nights as private time," Dr. Smith stated, "But many times that's not possible. However, when a person enjoys what he is doing, as I enjoy my work and community activities, the sacrifice in time is easy to make."

Dr. Eddie Smith's love of fishing goes back a long way as can be seen from the pleased look on his face. "I sometimes tell people that I love to fish, but you can see from this picture it's been a while since I've had a chance to go."

Dr. Smith joins other members of the Decatur Lions Club at one of their bi-monthly meetings. He currently is serving on the Board of Directors of the chapter.



Local businessman and Chamber President David Griffin d Dr. Smith pause outside the Chamber office on their way a meeting to plan the annual membership drive.

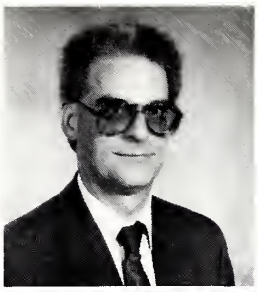
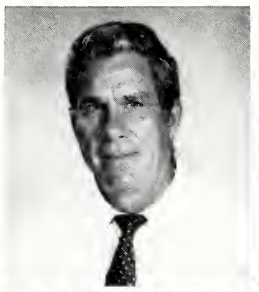
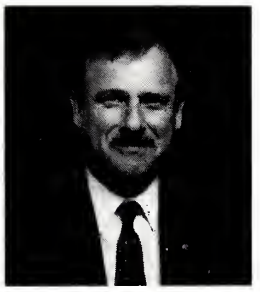
Dr. Smith and his wife Charlotte, both talented musicians, enjoy the opportunity of serving as organist and pianist at Clarke-Venable Baptist Church.

After every halftime show, Dr. Smith thanks the outstanding Warrior band, a tradition which he began when he came to East Central and one which means a great deal to the band.

On July 1, 1991, Dr. Phil Sutphin became the Dean of Instruction at East Central after having served for three years as Dean of Students. Dr. Sutphin and his family (wife Peggy and sons Brad and Brent) now occupy what is known on campus as "The Old President's Home," where, he indicated, they feel right at home. Dr. Sutphin's relaxed style and positive attitude (plus his vast knowledge of the computer) make him a natural to handle the pressures of being the Dean.

Members of the East Central Board of Trustees for 1991-92 include: (Seated) A. F. Hollingsworth, Lake; Prentice Copeland, Philadelphia; Joyce Harrison, Forest; Sandra Amis, Conehatta; Rebecca Farris, Morton, and Mattye Evans, Forest; (Row 2) V. C. Manning, Philadelphia; Joel Chancellor, Carthage; Glendon Caraway, Hickory; J. C. Williamson, Philadelphia; Randal Livingston, Louisville; Jerry Nance, Louisville; Edsel Cliburn, Decatur, and Sam Bounds; Lawrence; (Row 3) Dale Rogers, Walnut Grove; Jerry K. Moore, Carthage; Cline Watkins, Lena; Silas O'Neal, Carthage; Jo Edd Kea, Carthage; Vernon Crotwell, Morton; Leo Parker, Noxapater; Leon Tadlock, Morton, and Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth, Louisville. (Not pictured: Rivers. Breazeale, Philadelphia; Ralph Henry, Philadelphia; Billy Nicholson, Union; Kathryn Walters, Newton; Lamar Blount, Decatur; Ann Wood, Louisville, and Dr. Fred Perkins, Louisville.

Administration Leads EC With Dedication and Expertise

Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President
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Harvey Trapp, Business manager
Dr. Gerald White, Dean of Students

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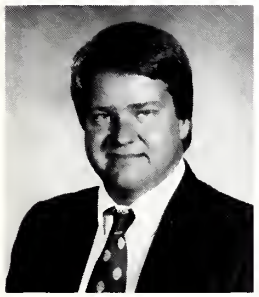
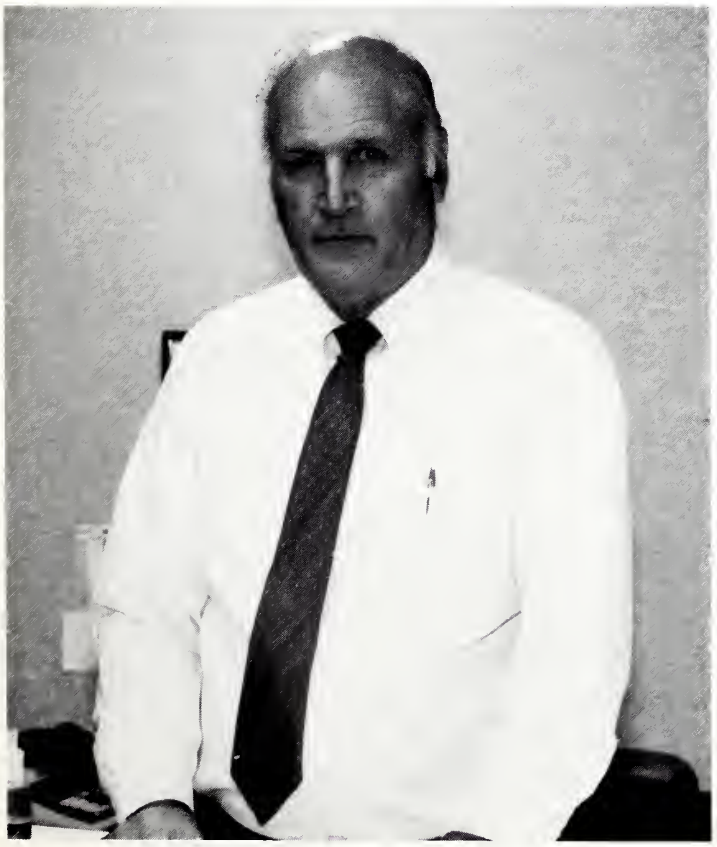


James Erle "Bubby" Johnston, Director of Public Information
Clinton Russell, Director of Physical Plant
Not Pictured: A. J. Kilpatrick, Athletic Director



Harry Cater, Director of the Neshoba County-Philadelphia Vocational-Technical Center, works closely with officials on the Decatur campus and with officials in both the Philadelphia and Neshoba Central School Systems.

According to Vocational-Technical Director John Adcock, Carter is a definite asset to the administrative staff. "He is well organized and stays ahead of the paperwork required in a vocational program. He is extremely knowledgeable about the equipment needed to run a good program," Adcock stated. "And he works well with the community in organizing evening classes both in academics and vocational-technical areas."

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James Bayne, Metal Fabrication Tech.
Larry Blackburn, Carpentry

Lilia Briseno, Spanish
Ann Bullock, Business Technology
L. B. Bullock, Computer Science
Ann Burkes, Librarian

Judy Carroll, Speech and Theatre
Brenda Carson, Dir. of Financial Aid
Thomas Carson, Band Director & Music
Linette Chancellor, Cosmetology

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Joe Clark, Dir. of Housing & Math
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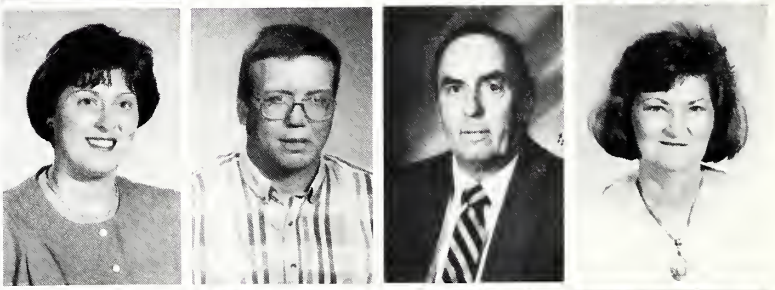
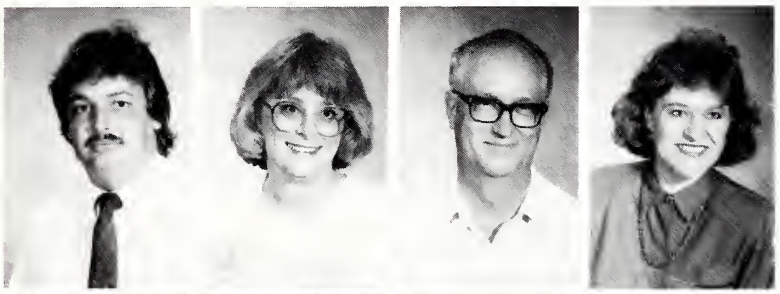


Richard Clark, Precision Machining Tech.
Ronald Davis, Biological Science
Barbara Deaton, Communications Office
Jimmy Dempsey, Vocational Counselor

Betty Doty, Dormitory Supervisor
Michelle Ergle, Business Technology
Dr. Richard Ethridge, Social Science
Dr. Richard Fisher, Chemistry

"Working with Phi Theta Kappa is such a pleasure that I hardly consider it work. The rewards are great for advisors who see the students excel. - Ann Burkes



Thomas Fortenberry, Computer Analyst/ Programmer
Katherine George, Child Care
Conrad Germany, Body & Fender Repair
Laurie Glaze, Economics

Robert Green, Auto Mechanics
Sara Griffin, Computer Technology
Sarah Griffin, Cosmetology
Bruce Guraedy, Art

EC Phi Theta Kappa co-sponsor Ann Burkes received a singular honor in the fall when she was named Outstanding Regional Advisor for the Mississippi-Louisiana Region. Along with the honor, Mrs. Burkes received a scholarship to attend the 1992 Phi Theta Kappa Honors Institute.

Matt Strum, President of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and an EC sophomore, was inducted into the Order of the Golden Key, based on contributions to the society.

Dr. James Haggard, Psychology
Carolyn Haralson, Dormitory Supervisor
Marsha Hardin, Business Office
Dr. Shelby Harris, Mathematics

Ricky Harrison, Drafting & Design
Suzanne Harthcock, Sec. to Dean of Cont. Education
Charles Hinson, Music
Sandra Hooker, Sec. to Dean of Academics

"My first year as a member of the faculty has been most rewarding. I look forward to many more."
- Virginia Pace

Dr. Gregg Jefcoat, Academic Counselor
Brenda Johnson, Business Tech.
Brenda Johnson, Child Care
Dr. Thomas Key, Biological Science

Leesa Lee, Music
Melissa Lewis, Child Care
Frederick Lyons, Carpentry
Polly Mayes, Drafting & Design

New men's basketball coach Marty Cooper (center) and his wife Jennifer are pictured at the welcoming reception in their honor. Coming to East Central from the Cincinnati, Ohio, area, the new coach has been associated with successful basketball programs at Miami University of Ohio and Armstrong State College in Savannah, Georgia. Seen with the Coopers is Dr. Eddie Smith, President of the college.

Paul McElhenney, Brick Masonry
Faith McGee, Vocational/Technical Secretary
Lois McMullan, Mathematics
Lester Miles, Air Cond. & Refrigeration

Virginia Pace, English
Linda Pierce, Secretary to Registrar
Robert Pearson, Auto Mechanics
Elizabeth Pitts, Business Technology

Not pictured:
Mike Anderson
Brad Bradshaw
Al Deaton
James Hansford
Frances Graham
Versie Kilpatrick
Roberta Holt
Wallace Keen
Skip Lynn
Mary Massengale
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Lynn Scribner
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Gloria Rigdon, Communications Office
Bonnie Savell, Sec. to Dir. of Voc.Tech. Division

Lee Ann Scoggins, Sec. to the President
Sheila Thrash, Business Office
Teresa Stroud, Dean of Students' Office
Vivian Taylor, Business Office

Thomas Thrash, Social Sciences
Tony Triplett, Asst. Football Coach & VIDS Lab
Carol Vickers, English
Ovid Vickers, English

Burma Weidler, Financial Aid Office
Cheryl Winstead, Electronics Tech.
Gail Wood, Asst. Librarian
Lucille Wood, Physical Education & Health

Members of the Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center faculty for 1991-92 are: Geneva Barker, Secretary; Sandra Wedgeworth, Related Studies; Tammy Parkes, Counselor; Brenda Pierce, Intensive Business; Melvie Culberson, Industrial Sewing; (Row 2) Howard Herrington, Carpentry, Felix Knight, Electricity; Michael Moore, Custodian; and Harry Carter, Director. (Not Pictured: Larry Duran, Metal Trades)

The Student Body 1991-92

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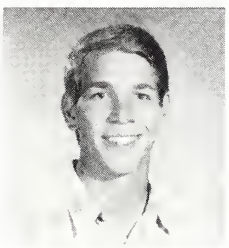
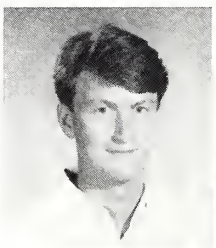
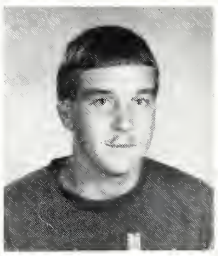
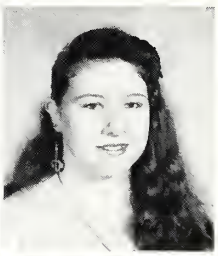
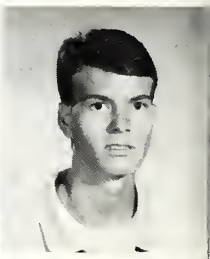

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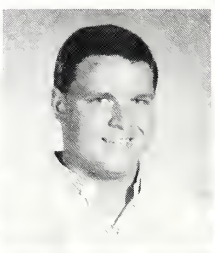

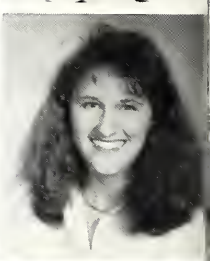

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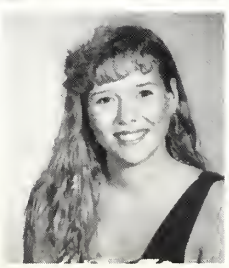
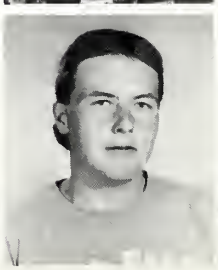
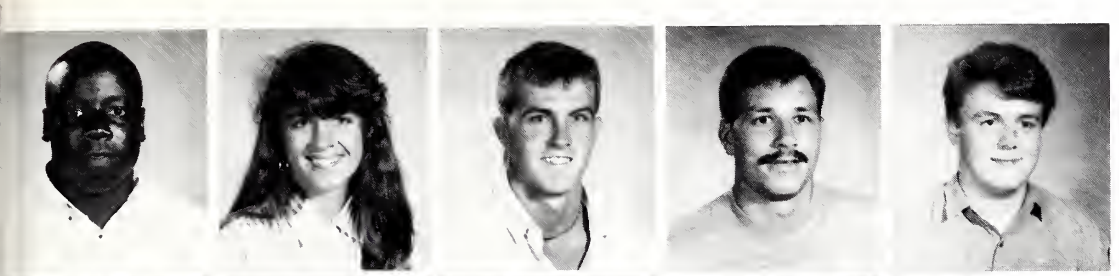




"My first year at EC has taught me to organize my time to get everything done." - Floyd Bozeman



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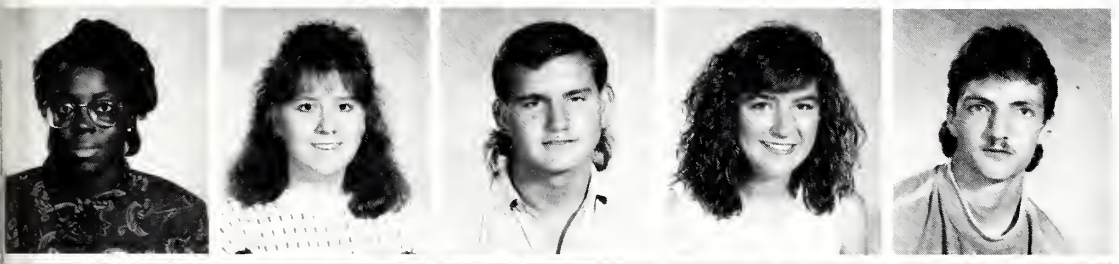

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Kenya Beatty, Morton, F
Ben Beckham, Carthage, F
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Jimmy Bell, Forest, S

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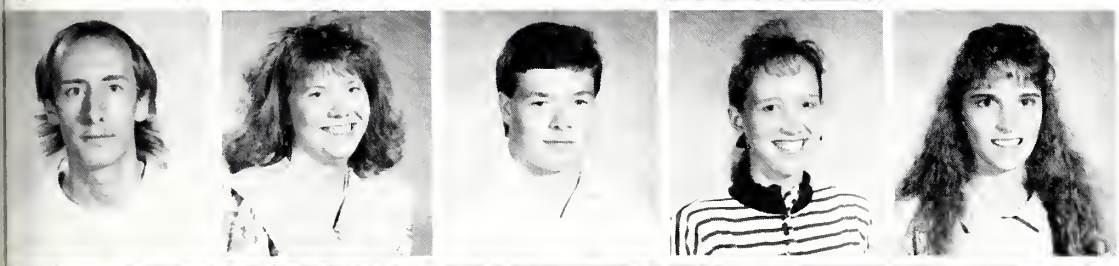

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Daniel Blount, Sebastopol, F
Keith Body, Carthage, S
Kimberly Boman, Meridian, F
Bryan Booker, Philadelphia, S

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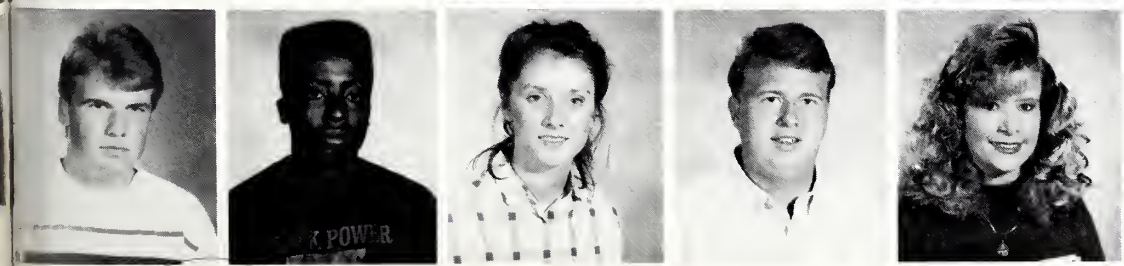

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Robert Boyd, Newton, S
Lea Boykin, Sebastopol, F
Floyd Bozeman, Neshoba Central, F
Jodi Bragg, Newton, F

"Being in college has been much harder than I expected; it's been a challenge." - Tommy Butler

Henry Brand, Hickory, S
Mark Branning, Neshoba Cent., S
Devon Brantley, Edinburg, s
Wes Breazeale, Neshoba Cent., F
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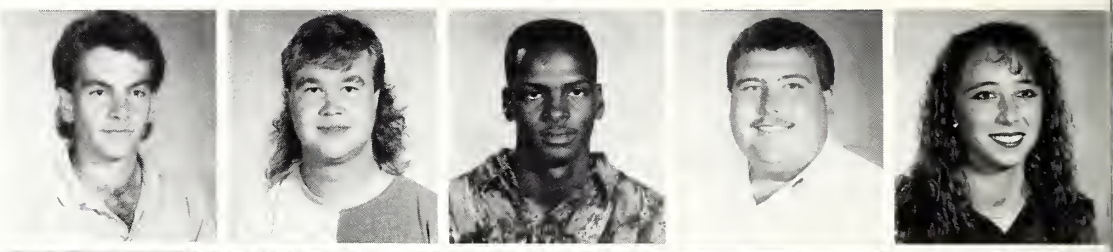

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Kimberli Brooks, Union, F
Jimmy Brown, Morton, S

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Kelly Browne, Newton, F
Angie Bryan, Leake Aca., F
Tammy Bryan, Carthage, F
Ginger Buckley, Columbus, F

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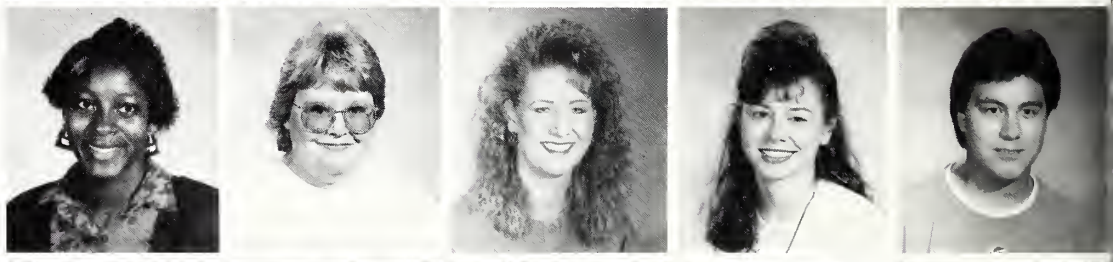

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Sherri Butts, Meridian, F
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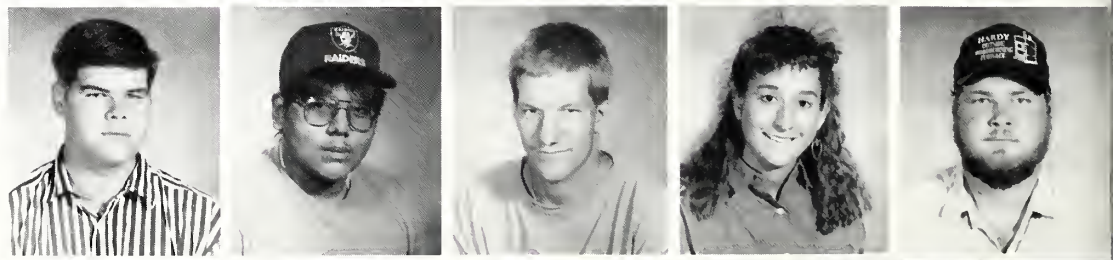

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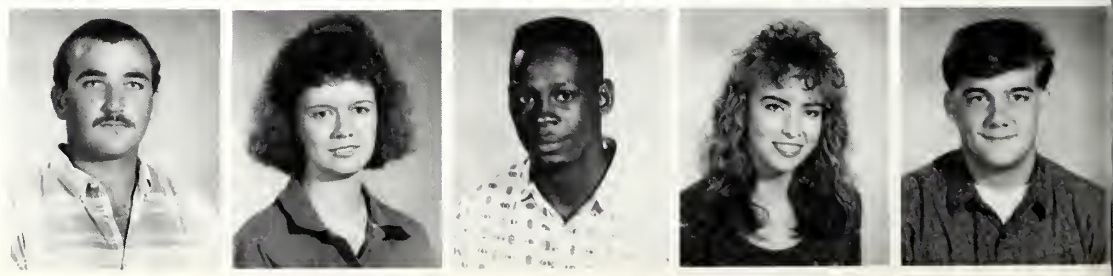
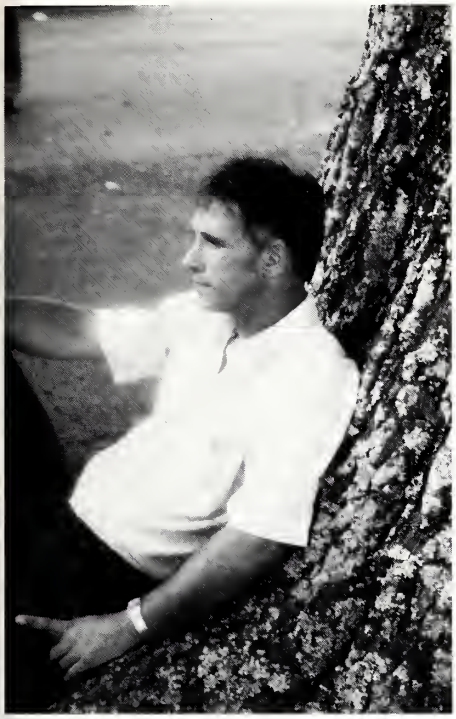


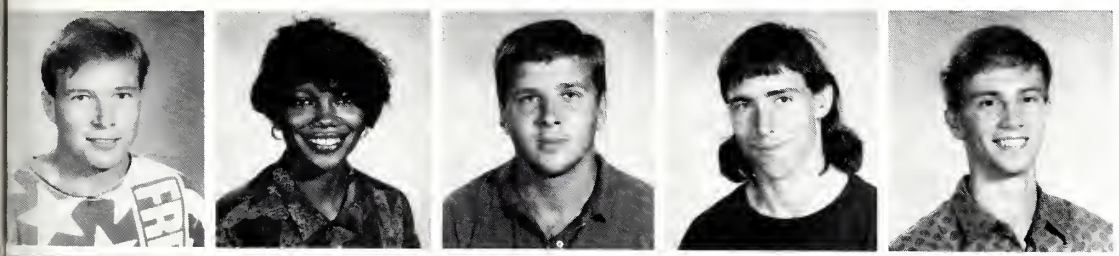
"I've loved Dr. Key's Biology class. I'll really miss that class." - Tammy Bryan



Terrance King and J. P. Viverette enjoy "horsing around" on the mall after finishing dinner. A basketball player, J.P. didn't have much time to roughhouse with friends from October through February.

Sophomore Lonnie Faulkner contemplates the status of the world while lounging against a tree on the East Mall. Lonnie, a non-traditional student in the truest sense of the word, is a Liberal Arts major.

One thing that most college students like about college life is the free time they have between classes. How they spend that time is a topic which could provide an interesting study for educational psychologists. While some students choose to visit in the student center, others go to the library to study. Still others work at various jobs or sit on the mall and watch the seasons change. Whatever they do, EC students spend their free time building memories which they will carry with them the rest of their lives.



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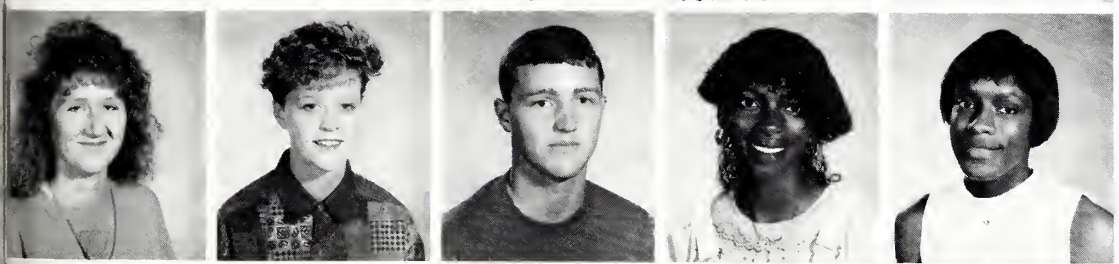
Heath Clark, Forest, F
Homer Clark, Philadelphia, S
Keith Clark, Morton, F

Kevin Clark, Decatur, F
Coby Clay, Philadelphia, F
Gloria Clay, Louisville, S
Dennis Coats, Newton, S
Brent Cockerham, Union, F



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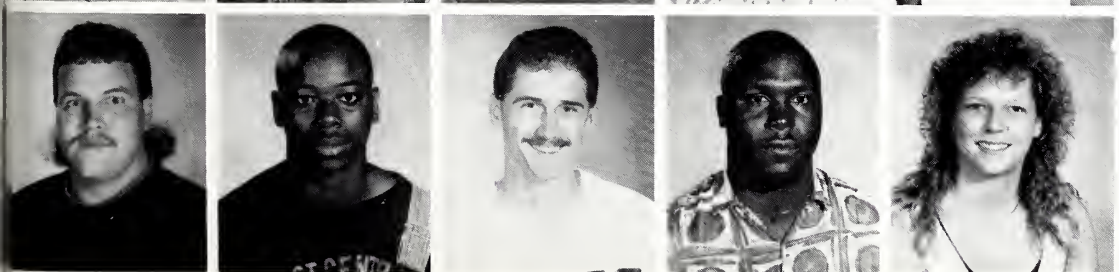
Contina Coleman, Louisville, F
Anna Collier, Morton, F



Danny Collier, Carthage, F
Tyrone Collier, Neshoba Cent., F
J. C. Collins, Decatur, F
Danuel Colter, Louisville, F
Kimberly Comans, Carthage, F

"I've loved being a Centralette this year and look forward to repeating that experience next year." - Angie Crosby

Mabry Cafeteria: a place where appetites are satisfied. And while some students would argue that their physical appetites for food are not always satisfied, the cafeteria is a place where three times a day students can find friends to talk to.

It is an old Southern tradition to sit around after a meal to talk, and EC students take advantage of the cafeteria to carry on that tradition. Long after they have finished eating, especially after the evening meal when time is not so rushed, groups of students can be found sitting at the tables visiting.

Nick Wall takes a sip of tea while at the same time concentrating on someone across the cafeteria. The cafeteria is a popular meeting place for EC couples and friends.

Commuter Ken McMullan of Decatur takes advantage of the cafeteria's reasonable prices by having lunch. In addition, he has the pleasure of the company of friends while he eats.

Beyounca Combest, Louisville, F
Bryant Comby, Philadelphia, F
Carolyn Comby, Philadelphia, F
Marsha Comby, Neshoba Cent., F
Alton Conn, Louisville, F

Derreck Cook, Noxapater, F
Ricky Cook, Philadelphia, S
Mary Cooke, Little Rock, F
Lynnetta Cooksey, Lake, F
Tam Cooper, Decatur, s

Brad Copeland, Philadelphia, S
Jaye Jaye Copeland, Philadelphia, F
Misty Cornett, Louisville, S
James Cowan, Coffeeville, AL, F
Regina Craddock, Scott Cent., S

Micheal Crick, Louisville, F
Lamont Crockett, Philadelphia, F
Chris Croft, Winston Aca., F
Angela Crosby, Lake, F
Brian Cumberland, Philadelphia, F

Vickey Cumberland, Neshoba Cent., S
Lisa Cunningham, Newton, S
Keith Dailey, Louisville, F
Ashley Dansor, Conehatta, F
Sharon Davenport, Meridian, F

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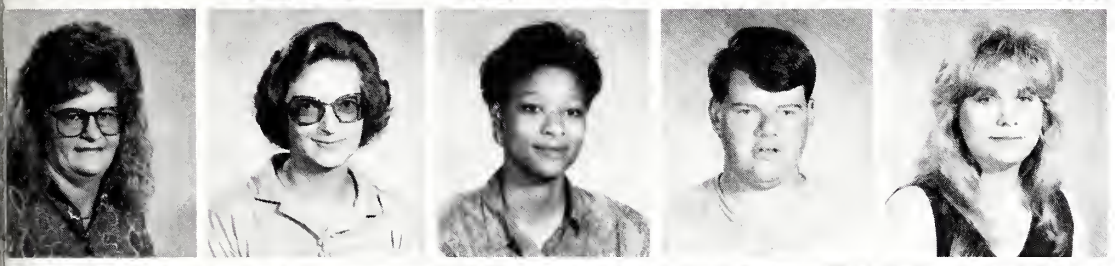

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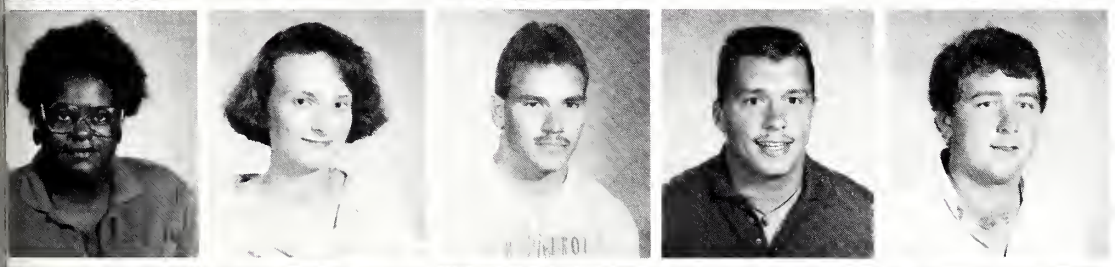

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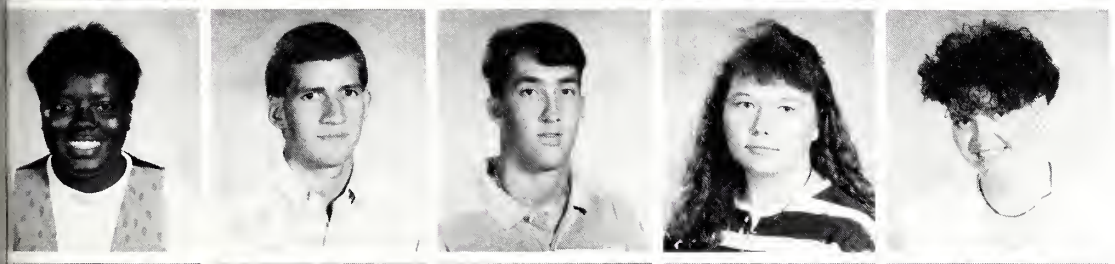

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Michael Duke, Philadlephia, S
Jerry Dupuy, Baton Rouge, LA, S
Susan Duran, Noxapater, F
Tonya Durant, Neshoba Cent., F

Lee Eady, Newton, F
Chris Edwards, Philadelphia, S
Rachel Edwards, Sebastopol, S
Ray Edwards, Neshoba Cent., F
Tim Elkins, Enterprise, F

Wendy Ellis, Carthage, S
DeShay Elrod, Edinburg, F
Michelle Emerick, Meridian, F
Chris Erikson, Thomasville, AL, F
Eric Estep, Carthage, S

Del Estes, Noxapater, F
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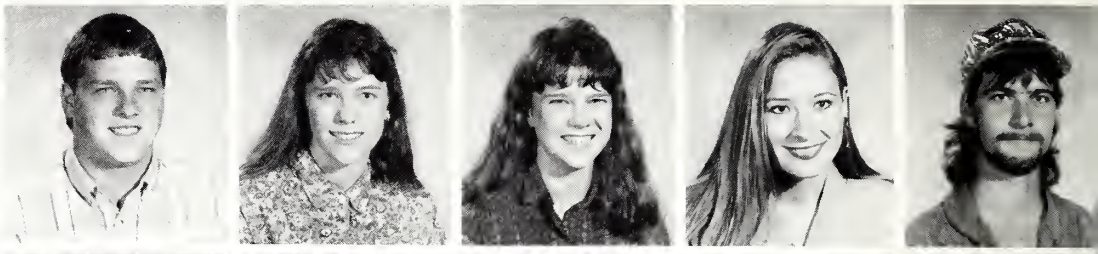

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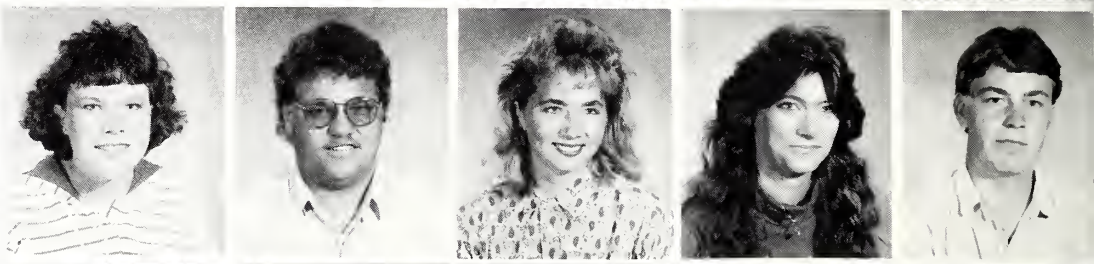

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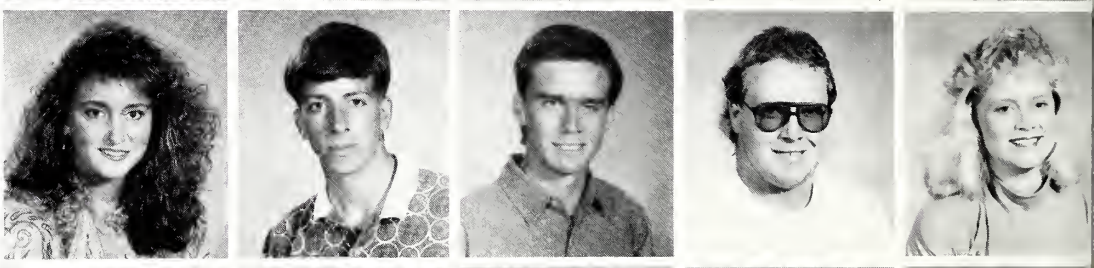

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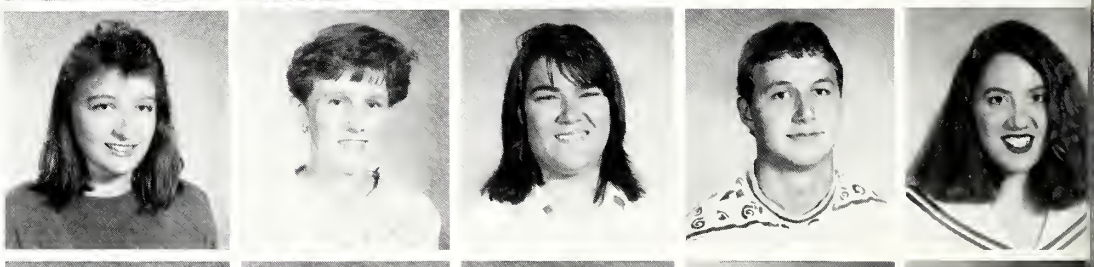

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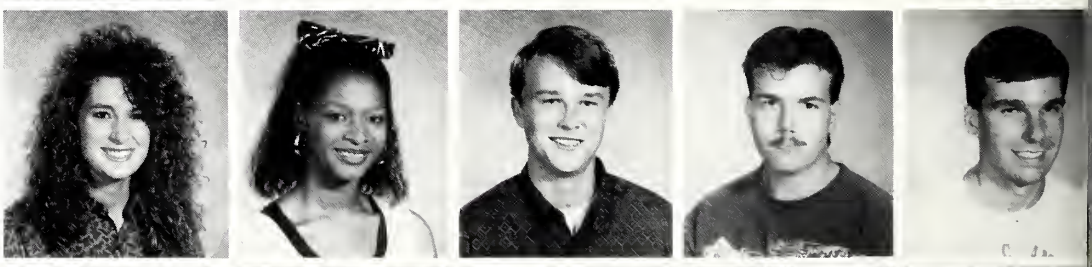


Sheila Gibbs, Little Rock, F
Stacey Gilbert, Walnut Grove, F
Tracey Gilbert Walnut Grove, F
Merri Giles, Lake, F
Koneshire Gill, Carthage, S

Maid of Honor Tam Cooper enjoys a Coke and watches the game as she waits for halftime to arrive.

Jason Wright (foreground) appears to be in deep thought as he waits to perform his duties as escort to Amy Fussell. In the background freshman Jason Mangrum is on the edge of his seat watching the game.

It is quite an honor to be selected as a member of the Homecoming Court, and leading up to the big day there is a great deal of activity as girls get their dresses ready and guys go to be measured for their tuxedos. Then on Homecoming Day, the court attends the alumni luncheon and soon afterward makes its way to the football field where they are seated on a platform below the bleachers.

And the first half of the game progresses very slowly as the members of the court wait for halftime when they will make the traditional walk across the field. It's a long first half for most because they are normally accustomed to being involved in other activities. But when halftime is over, all members of the court accept congratulations and know the long wait was worth it.

Jason Gilmer, Neshoba Cent., F
Tommy Gipson, Choctaw Cent., F
Carlos Gladney, Louisville, F
Richie Goldman, Philadelphia, F
Joe Gookdin, Philadelphia, F

Brian Gordon, Union, S
Kim Goss, Union, F
Ricky Grace, Neshoba Cent., F
Josh Graham, Decatur, s
Bobbie Gray, Philadelphia, S

James Gray, Lake, F
Marcus Gray, Lake, F
Ron Gray, Lake, F
Thornton Gray, Lake, F
Wells Gray, Forest, S

Jason Grayson, Forest, F
Michelle Green, Carthage, F
Tracy Green, Decatur, F
Kim Griffin, Decatur, S
Marcus Griffin, Carthage, F

"Going to EC seems natural since I'm from Decatur. I grew up around the campus, and it's home." - Donnie Hall

"If you want something done, find the busiest person you know to do it," may be a cliche, but it seems to be true on the EC campus. Some students stay so busy that they have difficulty finding time to eat or sleep, but these same students are usually the ones who do find time to study.

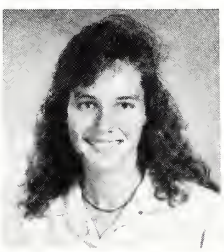
Members of Phi Theta Kappa, for example, must maintain extremely good grade point averages, but most of them are also involved in other things as well.

Band members spend long, and sometimes hot, hours preparing for band shows. But when they leave the practice field, they go to other activities such as work off campus or SBA activities.

"It's what college is about," one Centralette said. "I want to remember that I did a lot of things."

On Intitiation Day, Dawn Jones and Merri Giles are caught trying to escape from prison after refusing to do their initiation exercises. Wardene Keith Johnson and his staff will no doubt capture them.

Phi Theta Kappans Matt STrum and Kim Griffin participate in initiation for new members during fall semester. Both Kim and Matt were among the students who had little free time.



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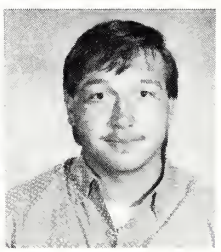
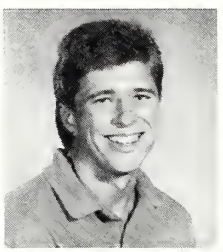
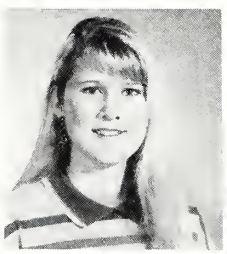
Donny Hall, Decatur, F
Richard Hall, Lake, F
Scott Hall, Forest F







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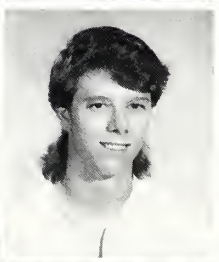
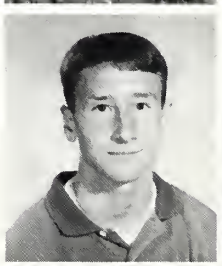
Justin Harrelson, Decatur, S
Chris Harris, Morton, F
Patsy Harris, Decatur, S





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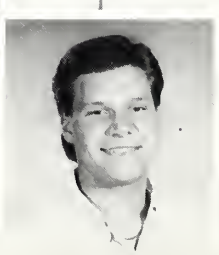

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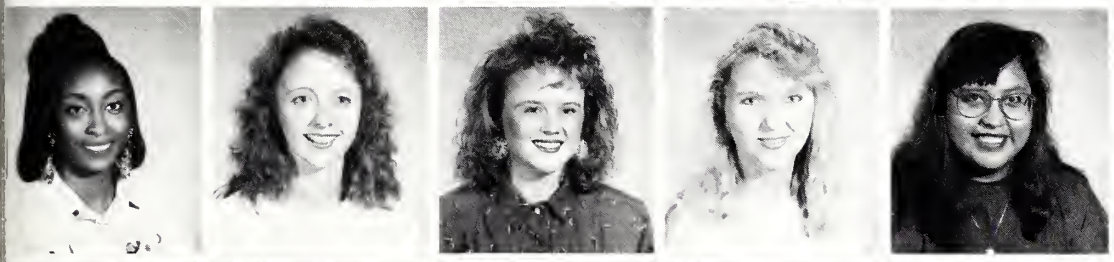
Michael Hathorne, Philadelphia, F
Hollie Havers, Lake, F
Stevie Haynes, Louisville, F



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Vickie Hedgepeth, Union, F
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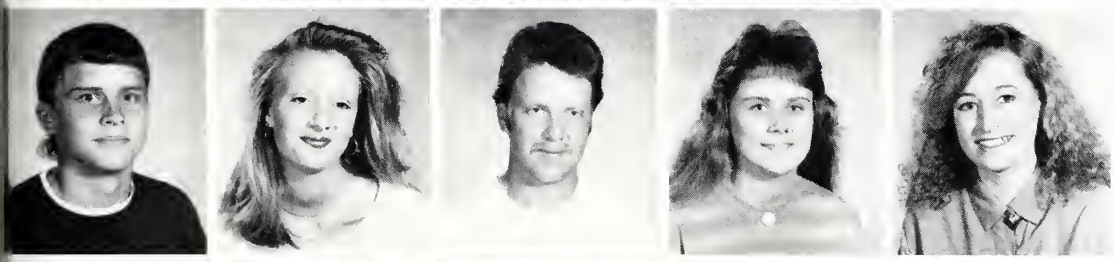
Jennifer Hendon, Neshoba Cent., F
Jennifer Henry, Neshoba Cent., S

Jenny Herrin, Hattisburg, F
Debra Herring, Morton, S
Melinda Hickman, BiqueChitto, F
Frances Hicks, Philadelphia, F
Sherrie Higginbotham, Philadelphia, F

James Hill, Macon, GA, F
Jason Hill, Sebastopol, F
Kevin Hill, Neshoba Cent., F
Sean Holdiness, Nanih Waiya, S
John Holladay, Graceville, FL, F



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Sheila Hollingsworth, Decatur, S
Sherie Holloway, Quitman, F

Markey Holmes, Louisville, S
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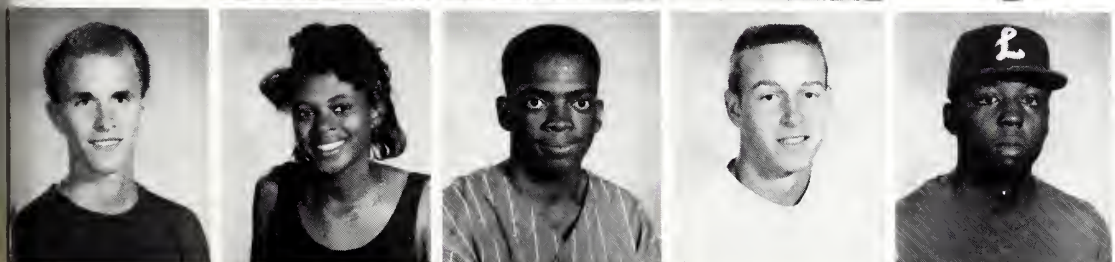
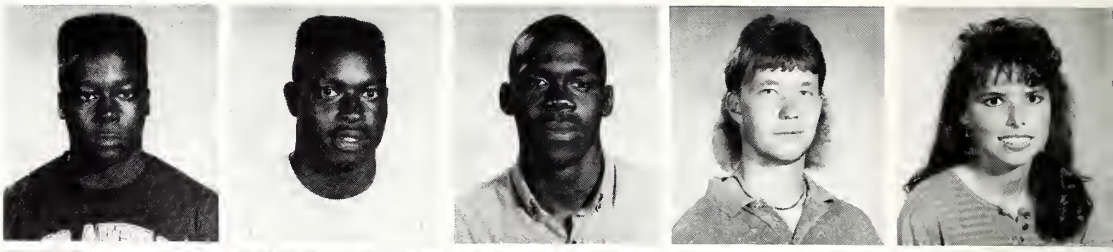


J. C. Howell, Madden, S
Jackie Hoye, Decatur, F
James Hoye, Decatur, S
Lance Huckaby, Jonesboro, LA, F
Hosea Hudson, Noxapater, F

"Like every place, EC has a few problems, but basically it's a great place to go to school." - Shawn Humphreys

Salento Hudson, Noxapater, F
Willie Hudson, Noxapater, F
Daryald Hughes, Louisville, F
Shawn Humphreys, Union, F
Peggy Humphries, Louisville, F



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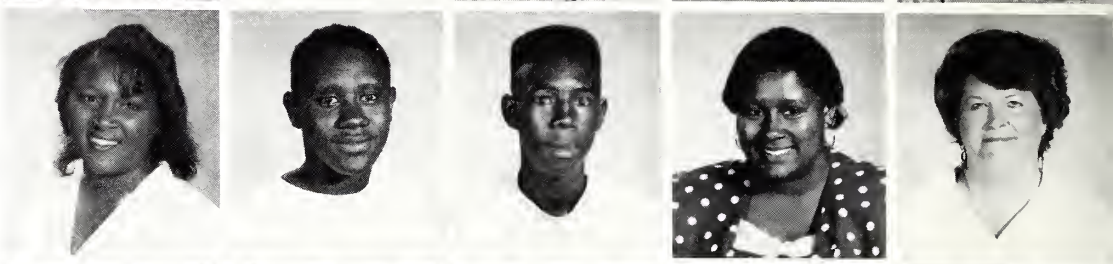
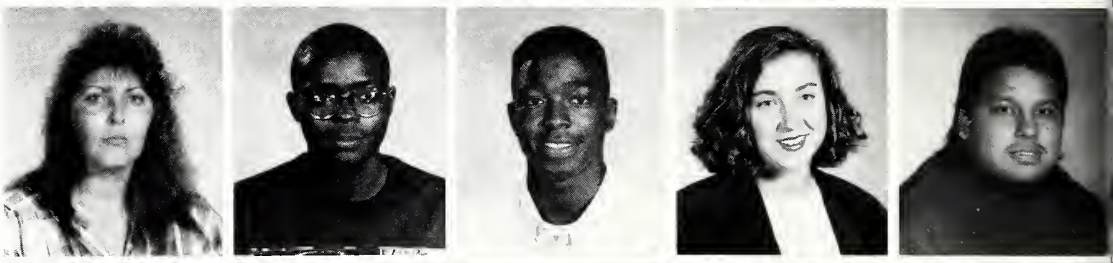
Willie Hutchins, Carthage, F
Katrina Ingram, Louisville, F
Geraldine Irby, Decatur, S

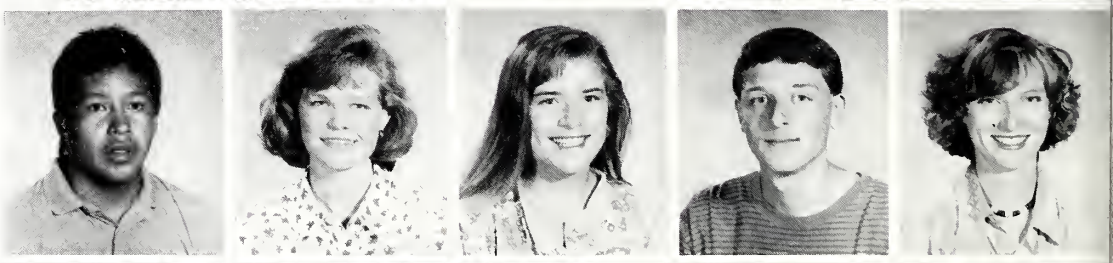


LaRae Irons, Union, F
Richard Irons, Union, S
Frances Isaac, Conehatta, F
Nikki Ivy, Hickory, S
Michael Jackson, Newton, F

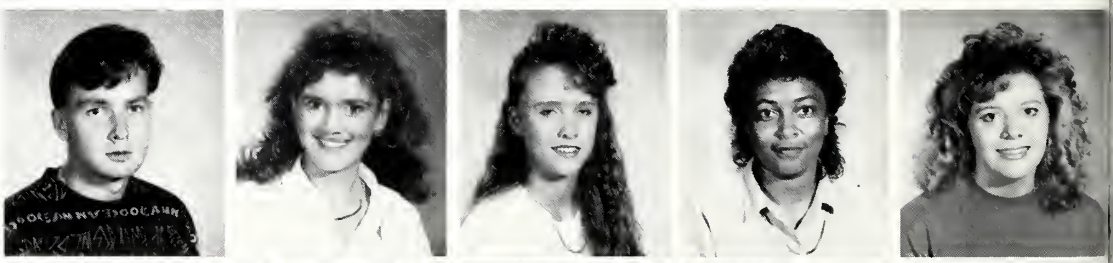
Debora Jarriel, Philadelphia, F
Bobby Jenkins, Carthage, S
David Jenkins, Carthage, F
Laura Jinkerson, Sebastopol, F
Robert John, Philadelphia, F



Sam John Choctaw Cent., F
Amy Johnson, Forest, F
Amy Johnson, Union, F
James Johnson, Lena, S
Jill Johnson, Carthage, F



Keith Johnson, Chunky, S
Laura Johnson, Carthage, S
Pam Johnson, Forest, F
Sandra Johnson, Louisville, F
Tonya Johnson, Lake, F



Kirby Johnston, Philadelphia, S
Cathie Jones, Madden, S
Chad Jones, Newton, S
Dawn Jones, Newton, F
Fred Jones, Newton, S

"It's the late nights of charades and girl talk in the dorm that I'll never forget." - Lynda Kelly

It seems natural for Chris Edwards' hand to be wrapped in duct tape. Chris is always available to help set up for any musical event and keeps the tape handy for any use.

Former EC band member and perennial supporter of EC music, Gary Moody sits in with the Collegeians at the fall concert.

There are always people who work behind the scenes supporting others. The Music Department this year has been fortunate to have two key supporters who seldom sought or received praise or attention.

Chris Edwards is a familiar sight around the Fine Arts Building. She is manager of the band and as such spends a lot of her time doing legwork or more manual type work for Mr. Carson and the band. During a performance, she sees that all the props are where they should be and that things in general run smoothly.

Another supporter of the band and Collegians is a former classmate of director Tom Carson. Gary Moody enjoys returning to the campus and occasionally "sitting in" with the Collegians or one of the pep bands. Gary has become well known among the students as a good supporter and as a gifted musician.

Linda Jones, Lake, F
Reneé Jones, Newton County, F
Stacey Jones, Decatur, F
Tammye Jones, Decatur, F
Thurman Jones, Bessenier, AL, F

Ronnie Joyner, Philadelphia, F
Shannon Keats, Philadelphia, F
Wash Kenyon, Noxapater, F
Jeremy Kelley, Walnut Grove, F
Katrina Kelley, Hickory, F

Lynda Kelly, Edinburg, S
Lauren Ketcher, Philadelphia, F
Toretha Kidd, Newton, S
Catherine Kilgore, Philadelephia, F
Melissa Killen, Union, F

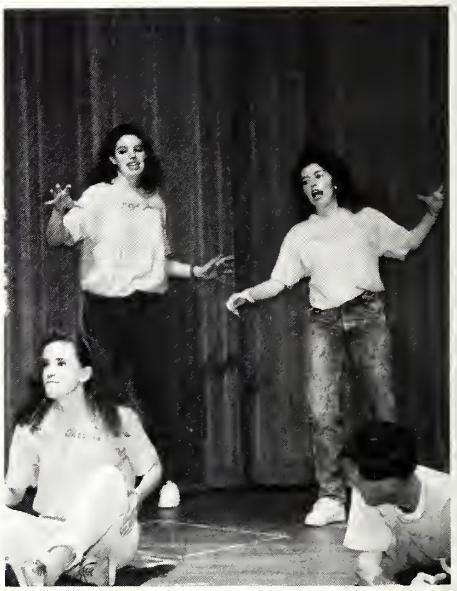
Jason King, Carthage, F
Kevin King, Lake, F
Yolanda King, Dekalb, F
Jeffrey Kirtland, Philadelphia, F
John Knochebmuss, Little Rock, S

"I will definitely miss the closeness which students at EC feel with one another and with teachers." - Lela Ladner

"The Magic Theatre" was the name of a special production by the Acting Class this year. Written especially for children, the production is a series of vignettes which help small children understand the power of the imagination. At the end of the production, each child who saw one of the productions was given a copy of the "Magic Spell" which says: "Make a circle with your head; think until your brain turns red. Make your stomach jiggle quick; wishing is what does the trick."

"The students in the acting class enjoyed performing for children because children make wonderful audiences," Judy Carroll, Theatre Director, said of the project. "One day we did the play five times in succession, and that got rather tedious. But the children were so receptive that we didn't mind."

Marching off to magic land, the members of the cast invite the children to join them. One of the vignettes involves a boy who lets his anger build up inside until it explodes, teaching the children how to handle anger.



Playing the role of a child who is frightened of the dark, Kelly Browne attempts an escape from Deanna Risher, Judy Carroll, and Greg Slawson, all of whom are playing the parts of "furniture turned monster."

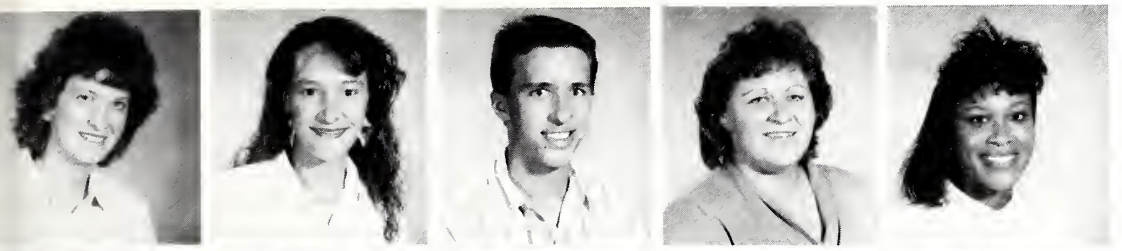
Tameka Knowles, Louisville, F
Penny Koehne, Sebastopol, F
Amy Ladd, Philadelphia, F
Lela Ladner, Carthage, S
Jason Laird, Union, F

Patrick Landers, Louisville, F
Daniel Landry, Plaquemine, LA, F
Youlanda Langdon, Carthage, S
Chris Latham, Forest, F
Alison Lawrence, Pisgah, S

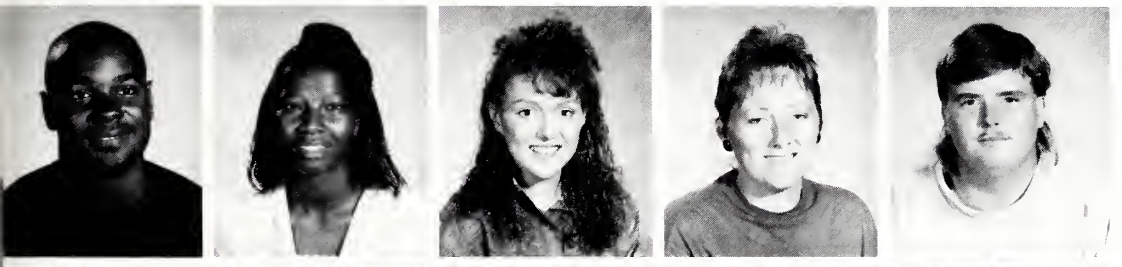
Jennifer Leach, Carthage, S
Maria Leach, Sebastopol, F
Sydney Leonard, Sebastopol, S
Deedre Lewis, Carthage, F
Donna Lewis, Noxapater, S

William Lewis, Rose Hills, F
Jeania Little, Hickory, S
Monica Logan, Newton, F
John Love, Decatur, F
Regenald Luckett, Carthage, S

"I've enjoyed being a part of the Lady Warrior basketball team." - Tamella Mazingo

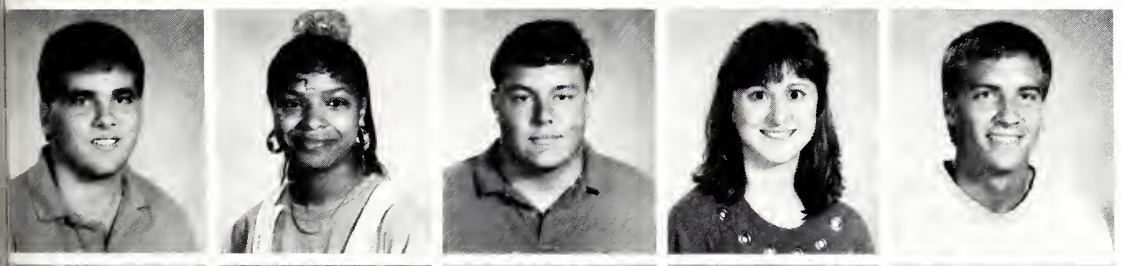


Rena Ludlow, Decatur, F
Cynthia Luke, Philadelphia, F
Richard Luke, Decatur, S
Becky Lundy, Sebastopol, F
Tina Luvene, Bay Springs, S

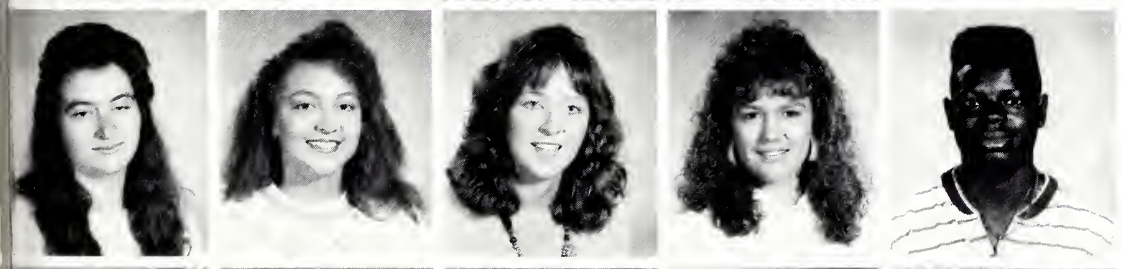


Charles Lyles, Forest, F
Lynda Lyons, Philadelphia, S
Dede Maddox, Philadelphia, S
Carol Malone, Carthage, S
Donnie Malone, Carthage, F

Jennifer Malone, Carthage, F
Jason Mangum, Decatur, F
Diane Marler, Forest, S
Steve Marler, Forest, S
Ernie Marshall, Sebastopol, S

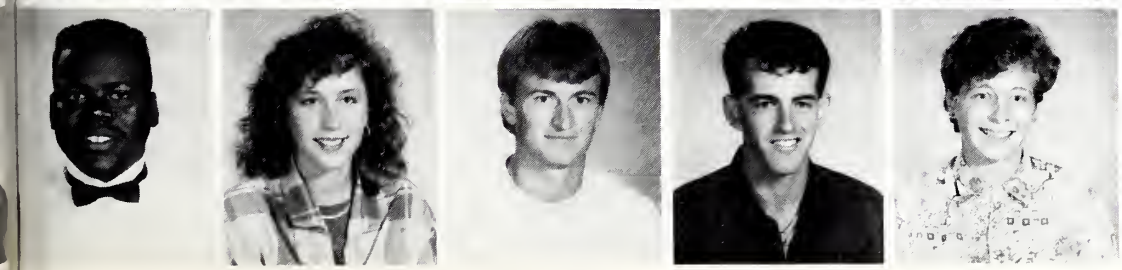


Lee Martin, Morton, F
Mae Martin, Hickory, S
Shayne Martin, Philadelphia, F
Tommy Martin, Edinburg, F
Ted Martin, Philadelphia, F



Theresa Matlock, Little Rock, S
Mary Mayfield, Newton, F
Tamella Mazingo, Union, F
Rachea McAlphin, Sumerall, F
Terry McBeath, Philadelphia, F

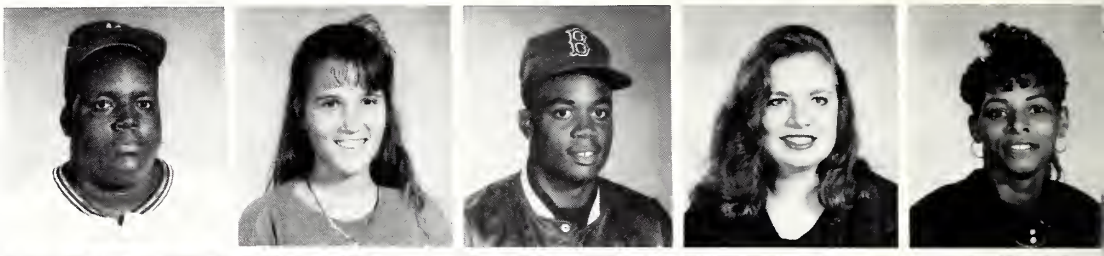
Susan McCann, Sebastopol, F
Kenosha McClarion, Newton, S
Willie McClelland, Little Rock, S
Debbie McCool, Louisville, F
Rachel McCool, Louisville, S



Daryl McCurry, Louisville, S
Karla McDill, Decatur, S
Allen McDonald, Philadelphia, S
Greg McGarrity, Sebastopol, S
Dana McGivney, Carthage, F

"I like being around the campus and meeting new people. I spend a lot of time doing that." - Isaa McKay

Isaac McKay, Decatur, F
Vanessa McKee, Newton, S
Marcus McKinney, Birmingham, AL, F
Susan McLauchlin, Preston, S
Tomeca McLaurin, Newton, S



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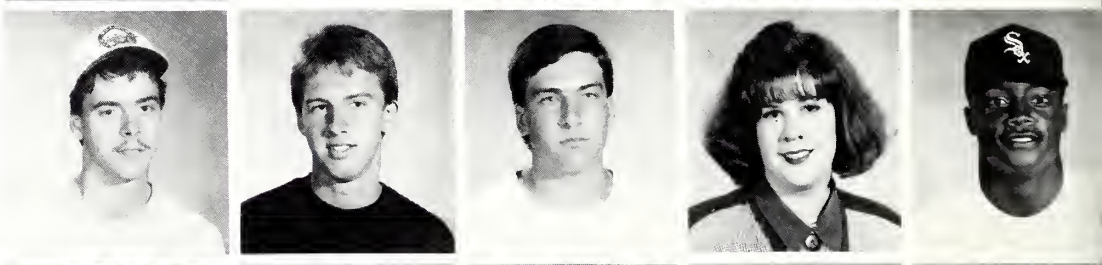
Ben McLemore, Lake, F
LaTonya McMillan, Rose Hill, F
Susan McMillan, Newton, F
Ken McMullan, Decatur, S

Keith McNair, Union, F
Sidney McNeil, Decatur, S
Marcus McPhail, Carthage, F
Becky Measells, Morton, F
Russell Meeks, Evergreen, AL, F



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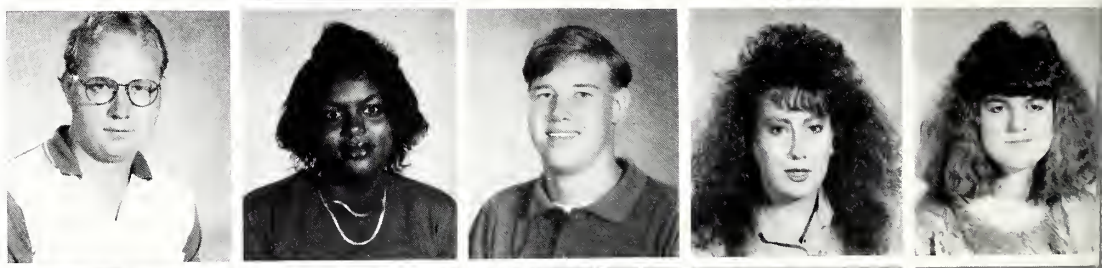
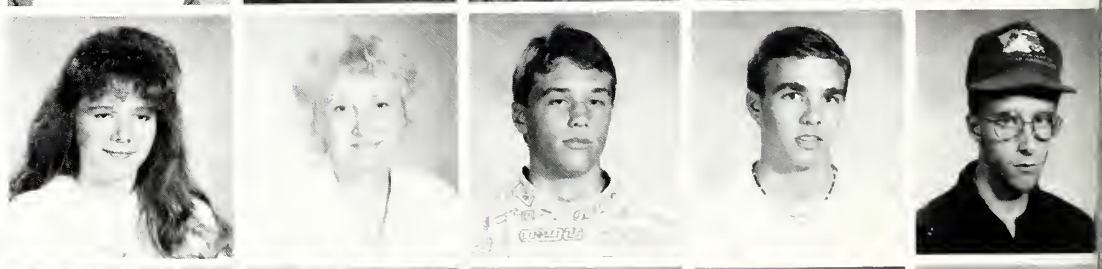
Jon Miles, Nanih Waiya, F
Tasha Miles, Morton, F
Wendy Miles, Morton, F



Rebecca Milling, Decatur, F
Janice Mills, Decatur, F
Jay Mills, Hickory, F
Justin Mills, Philadelphia, F
Michael Mills, Forest, F



Sue Miracle, Union, F
April Moore, Carthage, F
Ladetric Moore, Philadelphia, S
Melissa Moore, Louisville, F
Ocean Moore, Neshoba Cent., F

Scottie Moore, Forest, F
Wayne Moorehead, Sebastopol, F
Craig Morris, Philadelphia, F
Doug Morris, Forest, F
Victor Mosley, Louisville, S

"Being in the EC band is great! Every member is so concerned with how the group performs." Misty Nowell

Coach Cooper smiles his approval as Tony Bailey prepares to sign his national letter of intent with Murray State University.

Wiping the perspiration off during a timeout, #42 Tony Bailey and teammates listen to instructions from Coach Cooper.

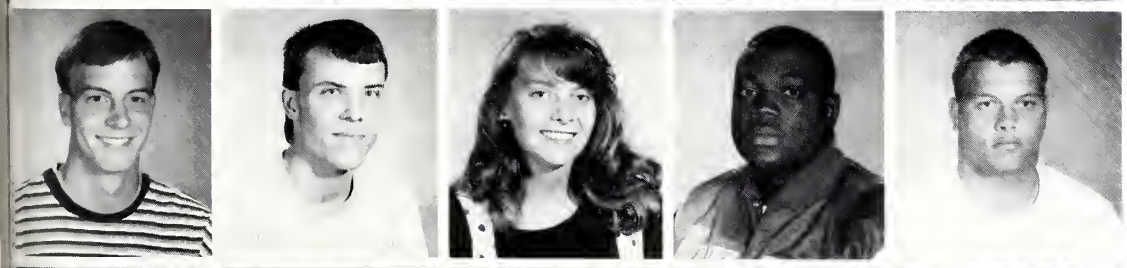
Each year in mid-November, across the country, for just one week, athletes may take advantage of an early signing date. This means the athlete signs a national letter of intent with a college or university. Tony Bailey, EC basketball standout took advantage of the early signing date to sign with Murray (KY) State University.

When he made his official visit to Murray State, the Villa Rica, GA, sophomore was impressed by the fact that 3,000 fans turned out for an intrasquad game. That, coupled with the fact, that Murray State has been to the national tournament four of the past six years, was the deciding factor for Bailey.

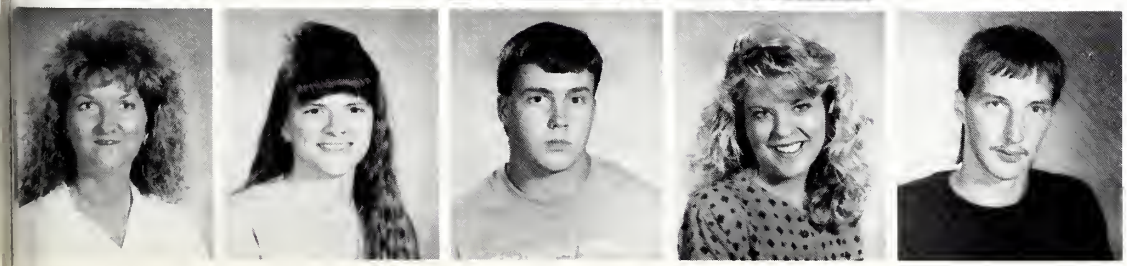
"Kentucky is basketball country," EC coach Marty Cooper stated, "and I think Tony will fit in well at Murray State."

Micheal Mouton, Lake, F
Ernie Mowery, Meridian, S
James Murphey, Carthage, F
Kelli Myers, Forest, F
Mary Ann Myers, Forest, F

Richard Nance, Louisville, S
Thomas Newman, McComb, F
Subrina Nicholson, Newton, F
Vicky Nixon, Chunky, F
Emma Norman, Hickory, F



Mark Norman, Newton, F
Eddie Nowell, Philadelphia, F
Misty Nowell, Louisville, F
Terry Nunn, Mobile AL, F
Walter Odom, West Blocton, AL F



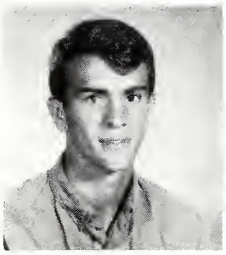
Susan Oglesby, Stonewall, F
Melissa Overstreet, Decatur, F
Joe Page, Philadelphia, F
Julie Pair, Philadelphia, S
Norman Palokas, Carthage, S

Hypnotism has fascinated people for hundreds of years. Most students come to East Central knowing little about the subject, other than what they have seen in movies. But during the first week of school, students have an opportunity to gain some firsthand knowledge of what hypnotism is and how it works. For many years, Col. Wallington from Starkville has come to EC to conduct a hypnotist show, and it remains one of the highlights of the year.

Beginning with some group hypnotism techniques, Col. Wallington weeds out the "fakers" and those who can't be deeply hypnotized and ends up with a group who are truly "under." In that state, students do a lot of weird things, and unless the photographer catches them on film, they never believe that they actually ate an onion thinking it was an apple.

Ocean Moore, Christina Wood, and Kim Shirley later in the year were popular students as cheerleader, Most Beautiful, and Homecoming Queen. But on this night, they are beginning to look somewhat foolish as they are hypnotized.

"Let me show you how to do this," David Martin says to Nicole Flint, while cheerleader Kirk Weems (who is normally always moving) sits passively to await instructions.



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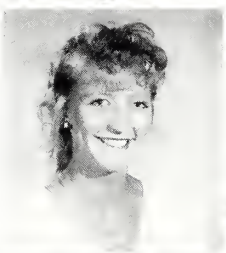
Jimmy Parker, Noxapater, F
Keith Parker, Carthage, F
Melissa Parker, Carthage, S
William Parker, Canton, F



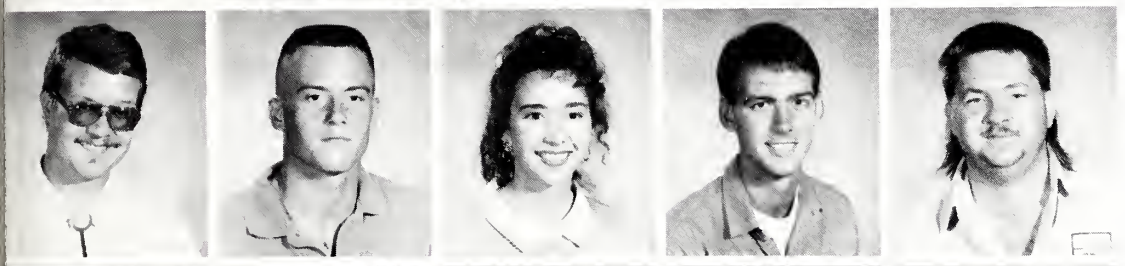
Brandi Parkes, Decatur, F
Darlene Pate, Hickory, S
Mark Patrick, Sebastopol, S
Trumaine Patrick, Decatur, F
Anthony Peavy, Louisville, F

Shelly Peoples, Walnut Grove, S
Terence Peoples, Bessemer, AL, S
Barbara Perry, Carthage, F
Gregg Perry, Carthage, F
Niles Peterson, Louisville, F

Tammy Petty, Enterprise, F
Terry Phillips, Morton, F
Jamie Phipps, Forest, F
Joey Pickel, Carthage, F
DeWayne Pickens, Philadelphia, F

"I like the size of EC. I've met so many new friends that I'll have for a lifetime." - Nick Pouncey

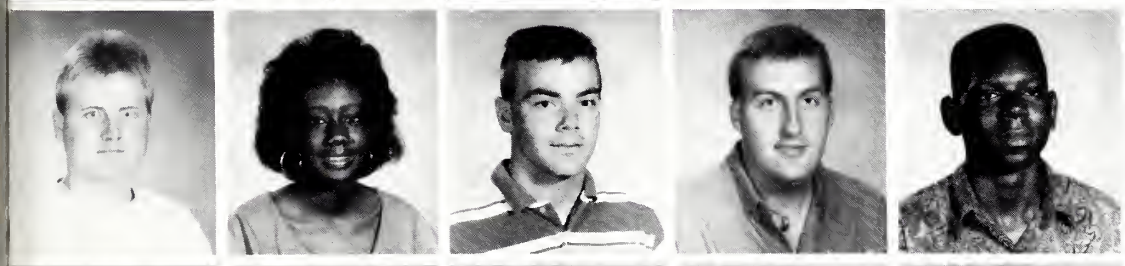
Jimmy Pickle, Carthage, F
Christy Pierce, Decatur, F
Doug Pierce, Philadelphia, F
Robbie Pierce, Decatur, F
David Pitts, Newton, F



Michael Pool, Philadelphia, S
Pete Porter, Morton, S
Jil Posey, Philadelphia, F
Nick Pouncey, Decatur, F
Donnie Powell, Decatur, S

Carolyn Prisock, Louisville, F
Gene Prisock, Decatur, F
Angela Pritchard, Meridian, F
Pamela Pruitt, Newton, S
Sonja Quinn, Louisville, F

Tramon Rayner, Atlanta, GA, F
Marcus Reed, Noxapater, S
Ricky Reid, Forest, F
Joffre Renaud, Carthage, F
Clark Reynolds, Philadelphia, S



Roger Rich, Stonewall, F
Edie Riddle, Philadelphia, F
Scott Rider, Eunice, LA, F
Al Rigdon, Decatur, S
Matt Riley, Walnut Grove, F

Deanna Risher, Newton, S
Cheryl Roberson, Louisville, S
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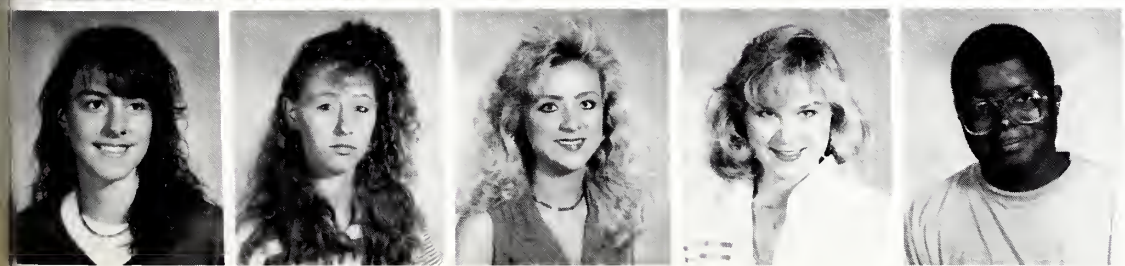
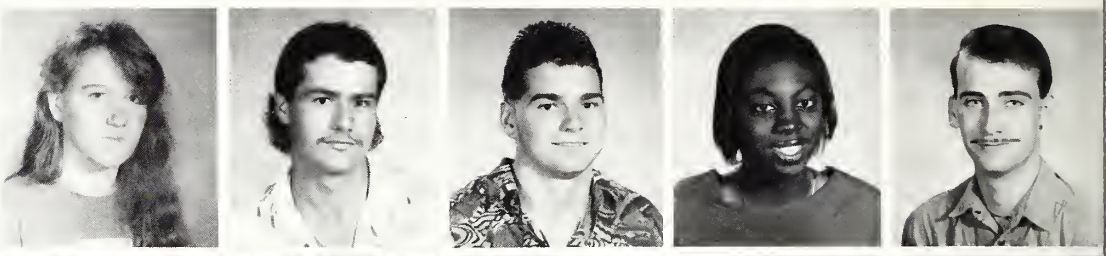
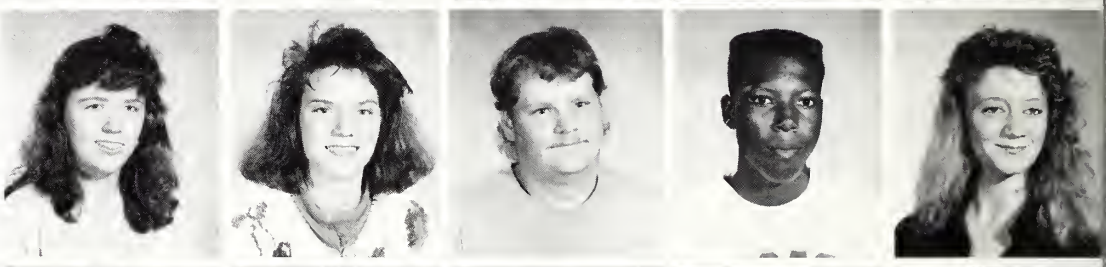


Mistie Robinson, Noxapater, F
Nena Robinson, Lake, F
Rachael Robinson, Vicksburg, F
Lori Rogers, Walnut Grove, F
Leslie Ross, Forest, F



Ginger Rucker, Lake, F
Chris Rushing, Scott Cent., F
Dale Rushing, Forest, F
Tammie Russell, Union, F
Eddie Rutherford, Carthage, S



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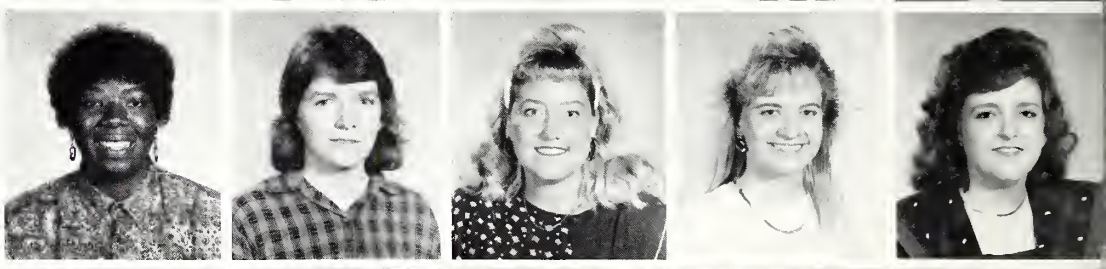
Ashley Sanders, Carthage, S
Edward Sanders, Carthage, F
Markee Sanders, Carthage, S
Angela Sanderson, Forest, F



Curzine Satcher, Heidelberg, S
Angie Savell, Carthage, F
Becky Scott, Carthage, S
Shea Sellers, Meridian, F
Melissa Sessions, Lake, F

Rochelle Sessums, Morton, F
Sandy Shackelford, Union, F
Paula Shaffner, Philadelphia, F
Adnon Shahid, Forest, F
Brenda Sharp, Neshoba Cent., F

Cindi Sharp, Philadelphia, F
Eric Sharplin, Carthage, F
Reneé Shell, Louisville, F
Preston Shepherd, Scott Cent., S
Kim Shirley, Forest, F

Quendal Shoemaker, Choctaw Cent., F
Amy Shows, Lena, F
Jennifer Shuler, Louisville, F
Bobby Shumaker, Louisville, F
Martha Sibley, Newton, S

Shirley Skinner, Philadelphia, F
Craig Slawson, Louisville, F
Charm Sledge, Louisville, F
Michael Sledge, Louisville, F
Yolanda Sledge, Louisville, F

"I've enjoyed intramurals! The competition was good, and we always had a good time." - Kevin Smith

Class proceeded as usual, but students were somewhat surprised when English instructor Leonard Barrier arrived for class in overalls.

Things in the Dean of Students' Office just weren't quite the same on the day Dean of Students Gerald White wore his overalls to school.

Never say EC faculty members aren't good sports. They are constantly participating in things which show they are in touch with what the students are interested in.

This year when the SBA sponsored special events during the week of Homecoming, faculty members joined in. On black and gold day, a number of faculty members made a point of dressing in the school's colors. But on "Blue Jean Day," two faculty members appeared in their overalls.

"Actually, I like wearing overalls," English instructor Leonard Barriet confided.

"I'm just a country boy at heart," Dr. White admitted, "And I was brought up in overalls."

Annie Smith, Louisville, S
Brooke Smith, Philadelphia, S
Chris Smith, Union, F
Jason Smith, Lake, F
Jennifer Smith, Newton, F

Kevin Smith, Union, F
Mendy Smith, Philadelphia, F
Stacey Smith, Decatur, F
Terry Smith, Philadelphia, F
Tim Smith, Forest, S

Rochelle Sparkmen, Carthage, F
Michael Spiva, Noxapater, F
John Sprayberry, Carthage, F
Alen Squires, Forest, S
Debra Squires, Forest, F

Tiphanie Steele, Louisville, F
Patty Stevens, Philadelphia, F
Taffy Stevens, Little Rock, F
Charlie Stokes, Louisville, F
Dewey Stovall, Neshoba Cent., F

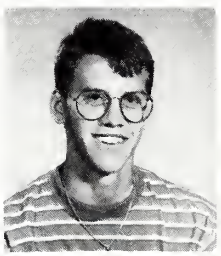
Each spring tryouts for cheerleader are held to select cheerleaders for the coming year. Those who are selected then spend their summer preparing to lead cheers at Warrior games. However, a cheerleader's duties don't stop when the game is over.

Other students and most faculty members never realize the long hours put in by Melissa Lewis, cheerleader sponsor, and her cheering squad. Just preparing the "run-through" sign each week takes hours and hours. In addition, there are the numerous smaller signs which are put up at the football stadium and the preparation for pep rallies.

All this is added to the untold hours of practice the group puts in and, of course, regular classroom responsibility.

Newton freshman Kirk Weems takes up the megaphone to keep spirit high at one of the the games he cheered at in '91. Kirk is also a gymnist and added to the excitement with his acrobatic feats.

It takes a lot of energy to lead cheers, so freshman cheerleader Jill Posey bites into a large hamburger at a cookout on the East Mall prior to a pep rally.



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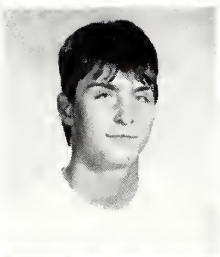
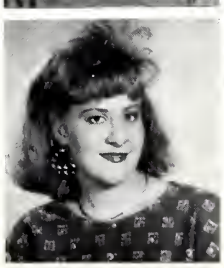
Mark Stribling, Philadelphia, S
Robin Stroud, Forest, F
Matt Strum, Carthage, S
Mark Sullivan, Edinburg, S



Rusty Sullivan, Decatur, F
Scott Sullivan, Raleigh, F
Shane Sullivan, Louisville, F
Wesley Sullivan, Philadelphia, F
Scott Summerall, Morton, S

Linda Swindle, Noxapater, S
Angela Tate, Madden, F
Bob Templet, Plaquemine, A, F
Stacy Thames, Louisville, S
Paula Thames, Beulah Hubbard, S

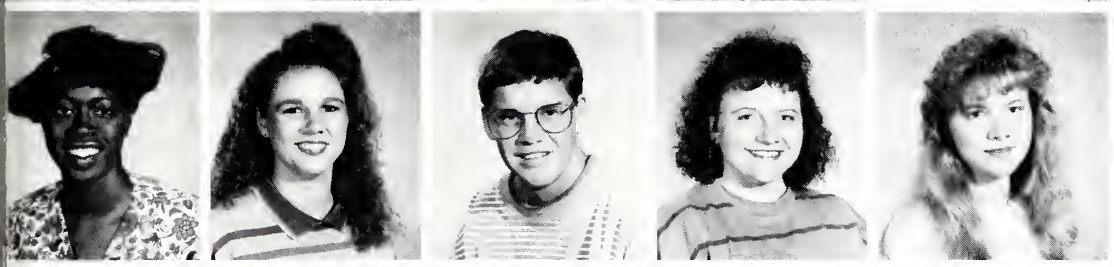


Carla Thomas, Carthage, S
Cindy Thomas, Conehatta, F
Devona Thomas, Newton, F
Johnny Thomas, Carthage, F
Kim Thomas, Newton, F

"Es un lugar totalmente distincto de donde vengo ..." Diego Velasco, Venezuela, SA

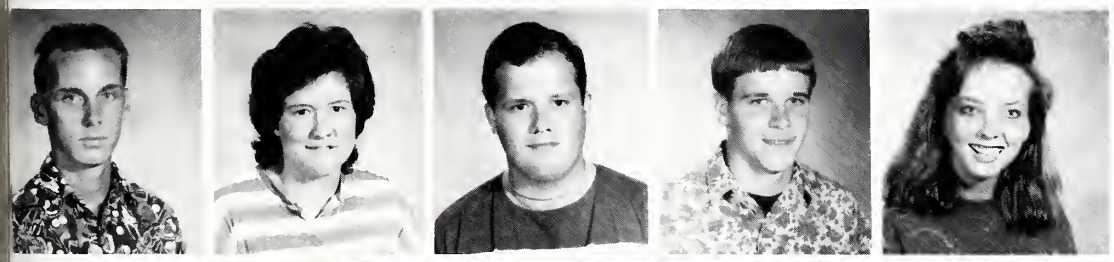
Larin Thomas, Conehatta, S
Undrie Thomas, Forest, F
Forman Thompson, Carthage, F
Herman Thompson, Morton, F
Lisa Thompson, Louisville, S

Norman Thompson, Newton, F
Ronnie Thompson, West Blocton, AL, F
Tonya Thompson, Philadelphia, F
Dean Thornton, Montrose, F
Kim Thornton, Carthage, F



Rhonda Thornton, Newton, F
Teresa Thornton, Newton, F
Keith Thrash, Philadelphia, F
Tina Thrash, Sebastopol, F
Tracie Thrash, Union, F

Kasey Townsend, Philadelphia, F
Joel Triplett, Louisville, F
Angel Truhett, Collinsville, F
Gwen Tucker, Newton, F
Lisa Tucker, Union S

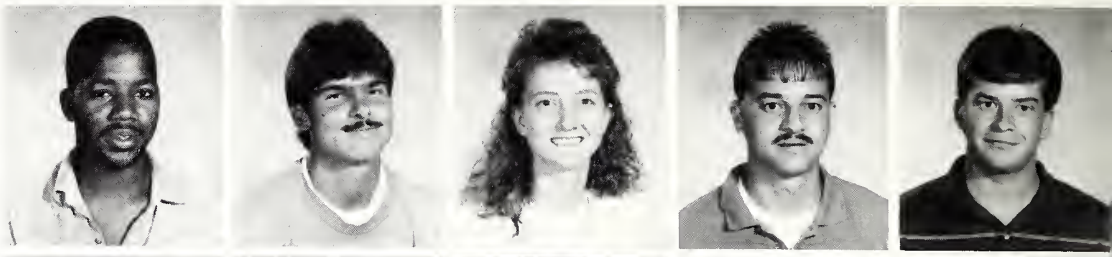


William Tucker, Nanih Waiya, S
Stacey Turner, Madden, F
Matthew Underwood, Sebastopol, F
Greg Vance, Newton Acc., F
Jeannie Vance, Newton, S

Rebecca Vanderporten, Newton, F
Diego Velasco, Philadelphia, F
Johnny Viverette, Sebastopol, F
Kevin Viverette, Forest, F
Chris Vowell, Philadelphia, F

David Wade, Morton, S
Michele Wade, Pisgah, S
Sonya Waldrip, Louisville, F
Amy Walker, Forest, F
Danna Walker, Newton Acc., F

"Being able to help complete the yearbook and meeting a special person will remain the highlights fo me." - Melanie Wilcher



Paul Walker, Morton, F
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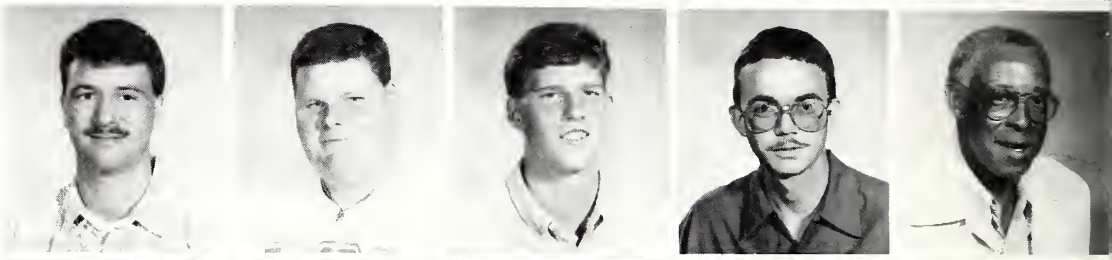
Tammie Walker, Morton, S
Nick Wall, Louisville, S
Shane Wall, Decatur, F



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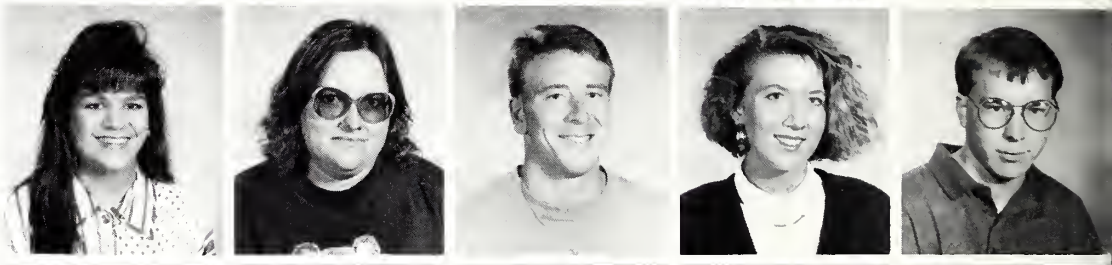
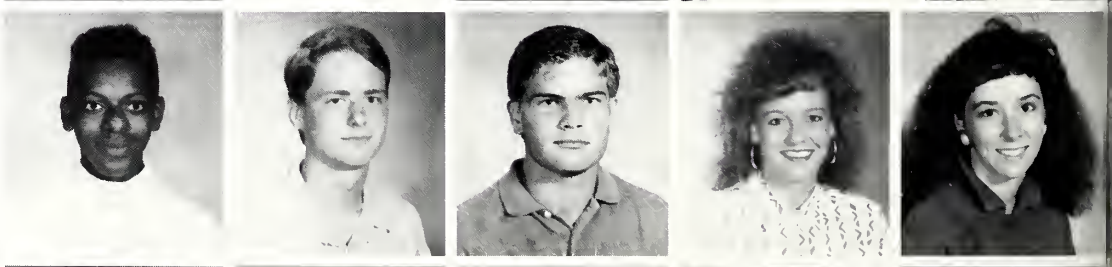
Gary Walton, Philadelphia, F
Tommy Warnsley, Forest, S



Donna Warren, Morton, S
Rita Warren, Union, F
Robbye Warren, Sebastopol, S
Stacy Warren, Philadelphia, F
Wes Watkins, Nanih Waiya, S

Tim Watkins, Philadelphia, F
David Weatherford, Philadelphia, F
Kirk Weems, Newton, F
Jerry Welch, Neshoba Cent., S
James Wells, Forest, F

Oreaka Wells, Philadelphia, F
Scott Wesson, Forest, F
John West, Newton, F
Linda West, Newton, F
Brandy White, Philadelphia, S



Clarence White, Forest, S
Allen White, Philadelphia, F
Eddie Whitmire, Louisville, F
Melanie Wilcher, Edinburg, S
Michelle Wilcher, Carthage, S

Stephanie Wiley, Ferriday, LA, F
Nanette Wilkerson, Decatur, F
Tammy Wilkerson, Decatur, S
Lisa Wilkinson, Philadelphia, F
Willie Wilkinson, Decatur, F

"I especially enjoyed all the parties I went to. I met some great people there." - Joel Withers

Ready to march, Centralette Sha Sellers relaxes with fellow band member David Ezelle in the band hall. A sense of camaraderie exists within the band like almost no other group on campus.

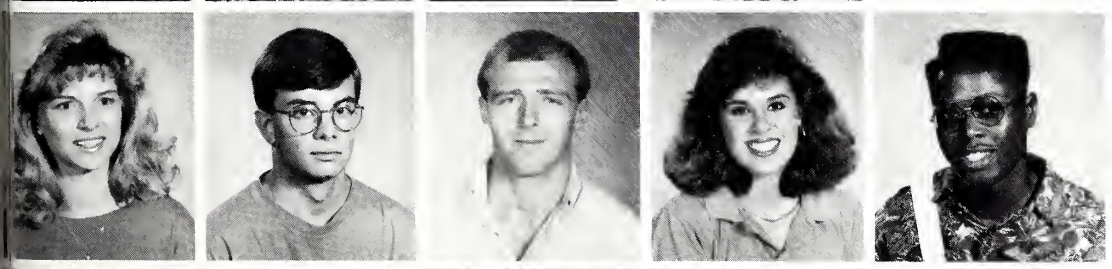
"Hey, this is fun," Melanie Wilcher seems to say. "But what about that yearbook deadline?" she is really thinking because Melanie is also editor of the school yearbook.

It's 25° outside; it's threatening to snow; but three towns in the East Central district are having Christmas parades. And guess who is there, smiling every step of the way? The East Central Warrior band, of course. And who marches in front of the band in their none-too-warm uniforms? The Centralettes, of course! "The Centralettes have become a close group," one member stated. "We almost feel like sisters, and if we get a little cold marching in December, that's just a part of the territory.".

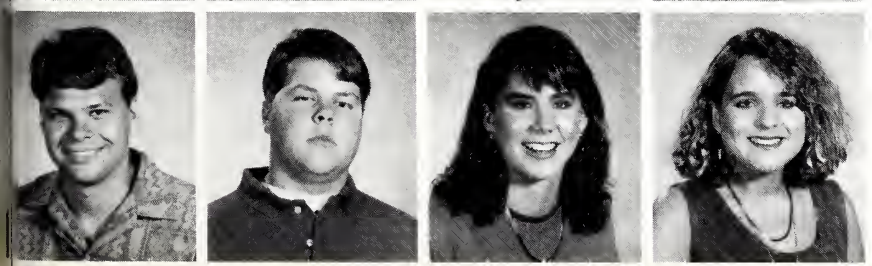
Ben Williams, Graceful, FL, S
Jonathan Williams, Philadelphia, S
Squita Williams, Philadelphia, F
Susan Williams, Newton, S
Tammy Williams, Union, F

Tyrone Williams, Sebastopol, F
Sandra Williamson, Morton, F
Christopher Willis, Conehatta, F
Tracy Willis, Walnut Grove, F
India Wilson, Morton, F

Kristi Wilson, Carthage, S
Mekeylla Wilson, Philadelphia, F
Toronda Wilson, Philadelphia, F
William Wilson, Decatur, F
Earlene Windham, Newton, S



Anita Winstead, Carthage, S
Joel Withers, Carthage, F
Gerald Wolverton, Union, F
Christina Wood, Decatur, S
Tracey Wragg, Noxapater, F



Clint Wright, Philadelphia, F
Jason Wright, Louisville, F
Misty Wright, Philadelphia, S
Chasity Young, Carthage, S

Phi Theta Kappans Chasity Young and Richie Rivers take part in the organization's twice-yearly cleanup of a two-mile stretch of Highway 15. This afternoon project is usually followed by a cookout at the American Legion hut.

After the bell rings for faculty members, they too are involved in a variety of activities. Here, Dr. Eddie Smith (seated in helicopter) and other faculty members prepare to take off on a helicopter ride provided by the National Guard.

Looking just a bit "tipsy," Nicole Flint checks her cup of Coke, thinking (under hypnosis) that it is something stronger.

After the Last Bell Rings, EC Students Keep Busy

The last class if over; band practice is over; the yearbook staff has finished its meeting; the SBA officers have completed their planning session. So, where do EC students go from here?

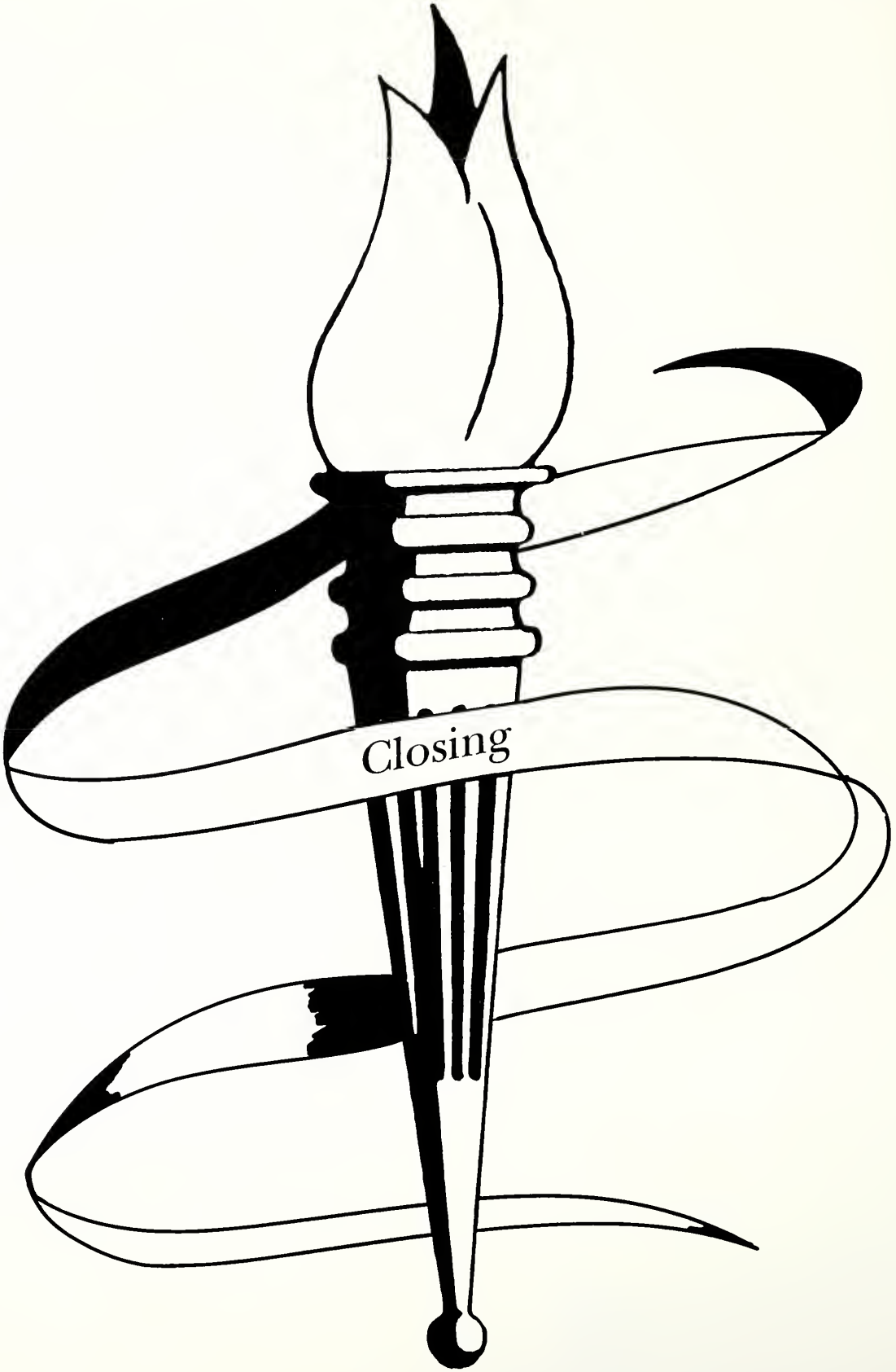
They scatter! To all the activities that keep them busy until bedtime. Whether it's an intramural game, a game of pool in the Activities Center, or just sitting on the mall, students always find interesting ways to fill their free time.

"I usually go to my room and take a nap; then I study until supper time; and there's usually something happening on the campus at night. My problem is not finding something to do, but finding time to sleep," one tired student confided.

The intramural field is a popular place during the fall months between 3 and 6 p.m. Ernie Marshall (from back), Chad Harrison, Jason Green, Richie Rivers, Greg McGarrity, and Kevin Smith team up for one of the popular tilts.

A break in the evening meal routine comes in the form of a cookout on the East Mall. Kristi Hand and JoEllen Bragg enjoy one of ARA's "curbside meals."

When the day's activities are all over there's no place like one's own dorm room. Sophomore Tammy Bryan gets tucked in for a good night's rest before another full day begins.


Closing

Superior student, outstanding athlete, and all around good sport Nicole Flint gives the Martians a piece of her mind. Nicole was just one of several students who did some strange things during the annual hypnotist show on campus.

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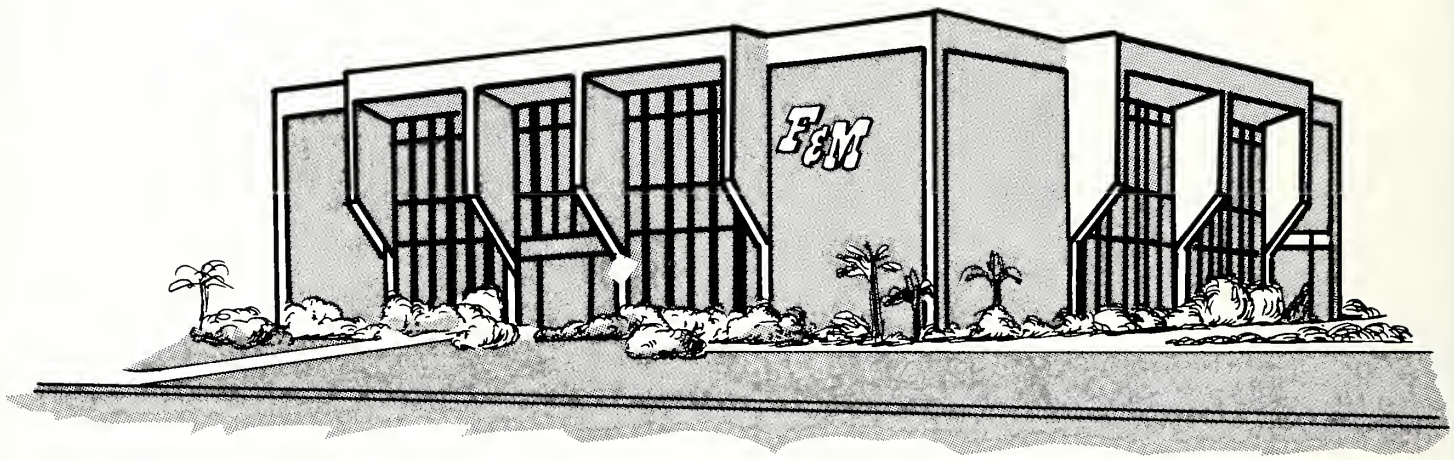

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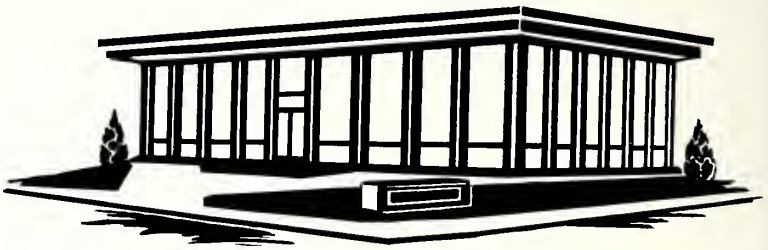

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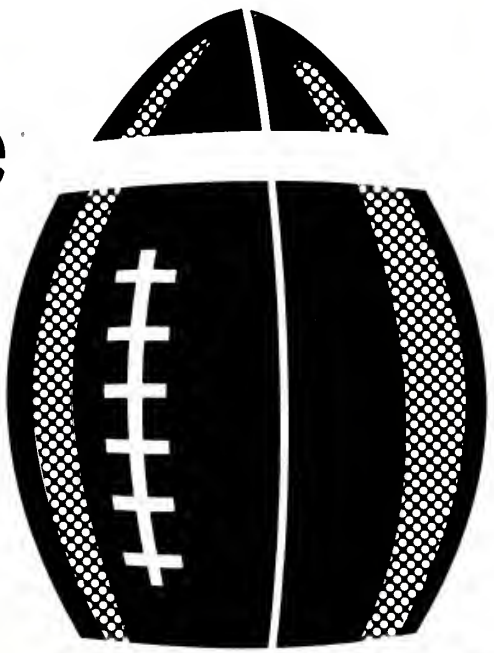

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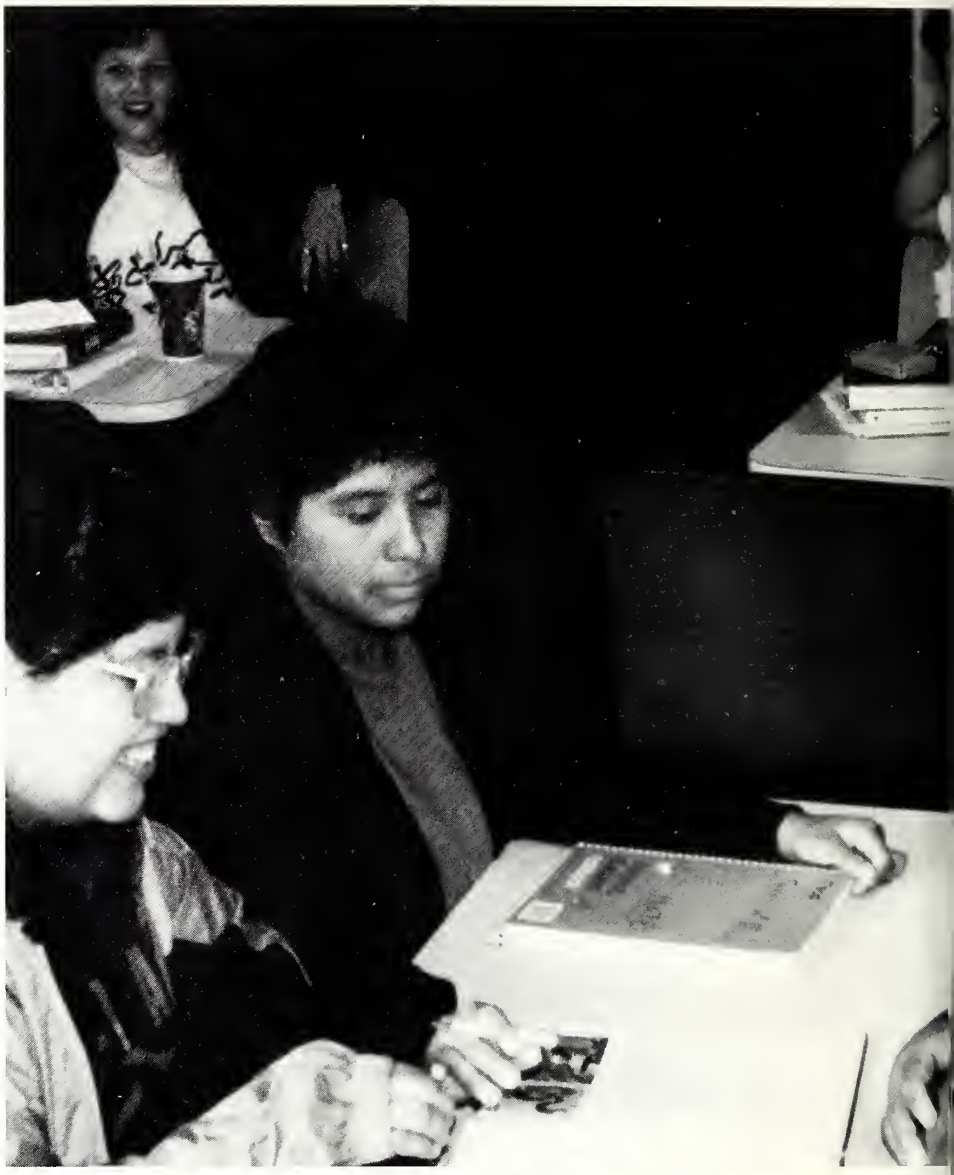
Jennifer Henry, Sequita Williams and Marcia Comby find the Student Center a pleasant place to do a little cramming between classes.

Choctaw students Patty Steve, Chris Isaac, and Samuel John catch up on local gossip in the Fine Arts lobby. They sometimes confuse fellow students by chatting away in Choctaw.

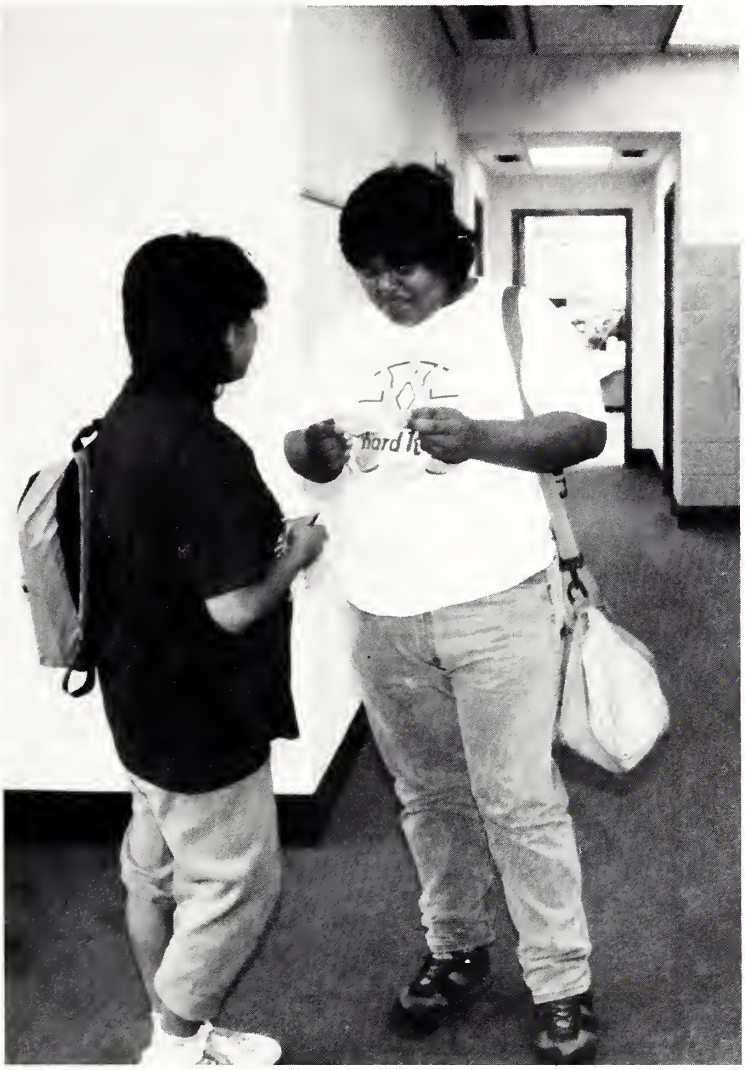


"It is a warm feeling for me to be going to school again with my old friends since I have been away from them since the eighth grade. We've enjoyed the year together." — Patty Steve

Frederick Bell and Tammy Grant enjoy having Shelly Peoples and Trislena Billy serve as "chauffeurs" as they and their Choctaw friends start off to class.

Sophomore Tammy Grant makes use of some free time to catch up on homework in the library. Tammy is one of some 114 native American students at EC this year.

A Part of a Golden Heritage



At the close of registration for the fall semester, 114 native Americans had registered at East Central. According to Raymond McMullan, East Central's Registrar, that is a record.

Coming from nearly all of the Choctaw communities in the five-county area, these native American students were continuing a tradition of many years by enrolling at East Central.

According to one freshman student who graduated from Choctaw Central High School, "I just always assumed I would come to school here because it is near home and so many of my friends had come here."

Native American students are enrolled in almost every curriculum on the campus, from Liberal Arts to Carpentry and from Auto Mechanics to Education.

A favorite hangout for Choctaw students in the brick bench near the library. On any sunny day, a group will gather there between classes to exchange news of tribal activity and community activity as well as to share school tidbits.

And when they graduate from East Central as so many other Choctaw students have done in the past, they will stand as examples for Choctaw students of the future to follow.

"I can't believe these grades!" Chris Willis exclaims to Trislena Billy. Chris' statement was a positive one as he had done well.

Patty Steve, Chris Willis and Bryant Comby go over some last minute homework details prior to English class.

Waiting for a meeting to begin isn't so bad when you're with friends. Shelly Peoples, Sequita Williams and Robert John always find plenty to talk about.

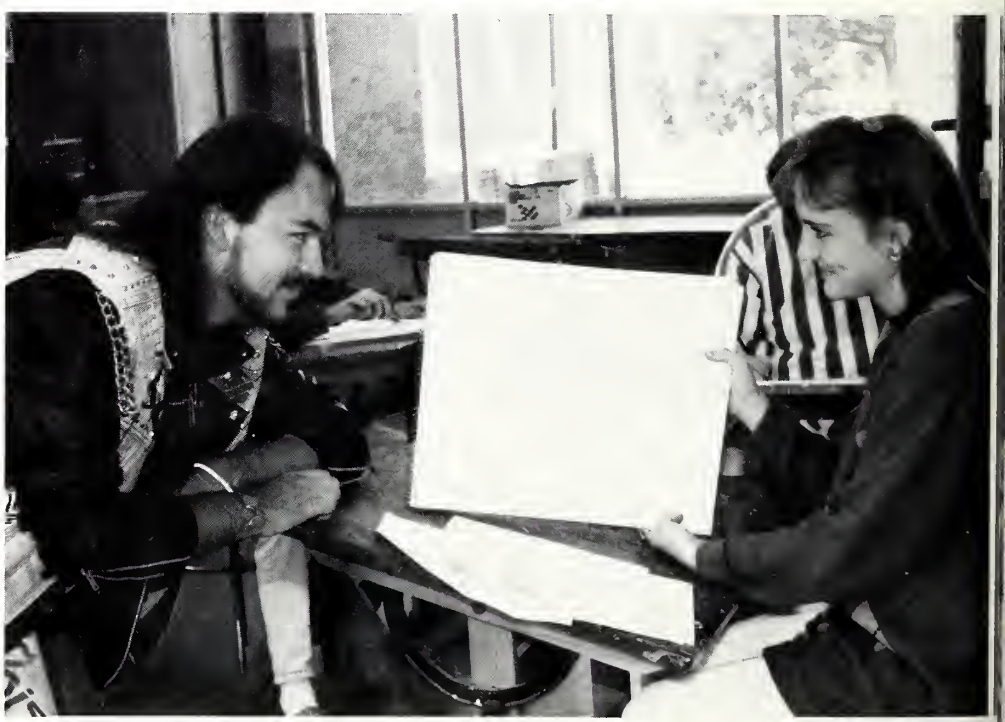
Art Students "Create" Fun While Learning Basics

One of the busiest places on campus is the EC Art Department. Under the guidance of instructor Bruce Guraedy, something is always happening in the Art Department. This year, for example, the department is serving as host for the Miss. Community College Art Competition, which is quite an undertaking.

Rigorous in his demands on the art majors, Guraedy knows that if they are going to compete in university art departments, they will have to master the basics. And Guaedy emphasizes academic counseling, keeping close tabs on his students to see that they are doing well.

In October, 1991, three art majors presented an art show in the lobby of the Fine Arts Building. The diversity of their work, including a first-time black light exhibit, proved that in art there is room for expression of all kinds of ideas — from ghoulish to soft hearted. Marcus Griffin, Jay Murphy, and Tommy Butler were involved in this show.

East Central's Art Department is fully accredited, and a major can transfer to any university he or she chooses. "My job is fun," Guraedy stated. "Every student is different, and every day is different. I look forward to getting up and coming to school so I can see what the day will bring."



"It looks just like you!" Susan McCann tells Marcus Griffin of her sketch of him. It's all a part of the fun of learning for art majors who become close by spending lots of time together.

Engrossed in the business of improving their natural artistic talents, Marcus Griffin, Robert Haralson, Floyd Bozeman and Kirk Weems spend long hours in the art lab completing both required projects and work they want to do on their own.

Instructor Bruce Guraedy, himself a regionally-recognized artist, instructs freshman art student Kirk Weems of Newton in a design class. Guraedy acknowledges individual tastes but insists students learn the basics.

"I thought I had finished the most perfect landscape, but when Mr. Guaedy finished with it, I thought I would never be the same again. But I have learned so much since that day." - Floyd Bozeman

Robert Haralson contemplates the blank sketch pad. Sometimes the ideas come easy; other times artists get a "block" and spend hours coming up with an idea.

Accepting the dubious honor of being named "Mess Macho," Clarence White takes her/his victory walk. Clarence is a popular sophomore at EC known more for his role as the Warrior mascot than for putting on an evening dress.

It's not easy to watch the winner take the "coronation walk," but contestants Sid McNeil, Jeremy Burson, and J. C. Howell have to prepare to watch Clarence White do just that. Jeremy seems to be having some difficulty keeping his dress in place.

"More to Look At" seems to be the motto of an overstuffed Chris Willis as he takes the traditional walk toward "fame." Escort Rachel McCool walks disdainfully away from her "beauty."

"Good, clean fun for everyone" is the way choir director Charles Hinson described the mess pageant, and that fun included an appearance by Mark Branning, Tom Carson, and Lonnie Faulkner.

"Ain't She A Mess?"

Just when you think the semester is going to get dull, the choir decides to sponsor a "mess pageant." And quite a pageant it was. Called the "Miss Macho Beauty Pageant," the hilarious event was sponsored by the choir to help raise money for new choir dresses.

Everyone who attended (and there was a full house) agreed that students and faculty members who missed seeing choir director Charles Hinson in a miniskirt missed the event of the year. Determined to increase the size of the choir, Hinson reluctantly admitted that it was definitely worth the embarrassment and that the event will become an annual one.

"Those who did not attend the pageant missed a great evening of clean, humorous entertainment," Hinson stated. "There was some good talent exhibited and some of the most beautiful 'women' ever to grace the EC stage."

When the smoke had cleared, sophomore Clarence White from Forest, who entered under the name of Hittarie Denise Butts, had won and admitted that it was definitely a questionable honor.

As the competition gets stiffer and the suspense heightens, David Campbell, Leslie Ross, J. C. Howell, Sidney McNeil, and Chris Willis nervously await the judges' decision.

"Marilyn Monroe" (Jeremy Burson) shows the talent that gave him his famous name in his talent rendition.

Sports Provide

A large part of the "sporting" life at EC belongs to intramurals. Tam Cooper, Angie Bryan and Jill Johnson join an unidentified friend in taking a break during a game in the Activities Center.

⬆Coach Kilpatrick and Coach Bradshaw pace the sidelines as the Warriors hold their helmets aloft on a kick-off. Football occupies the minds of most students and faculty during the fall as the ten-game schedule is played out.

➡Even before football season is completed, sports fans begin to think about the indoor sport of basketball. With a nationally-ranked team this year, attendance at home games increased, and student interest in the game soared. Here, outstanding sophomore Tony Bailey goes up for two more points.

Golden Time to Remember

←The Warrior Band is a vital part of the sports scene at EC. Not only did the band provide spirit at pep rallies, it performed superior halftime shows at all home games and some away games. The spirit of the band members spilled over to other students who applauded the top quality band program EC boasts.

←The end of the year is highlighted by an EC tradition called "Spring Spree." From the dozen or more teams which compete in various events, the top two teams participate in a volleyball game to determine the champions. "It's a fitting closeout to a good year in sports," commented Dr. Gerald White, Dean of Students, "and it recognizes that there is a place in sports for every student, no matter what his level of achievement in sports might be."

←Coach Sammy Pace's Lady Warriors sparked interest in the basketball program as the team steadily improved as the season progressed. Lady Warriors Brooke Smith (#25), Gloria Clay (#13) and Amy Apperson (right) seem frozen in place as an opponent wrestles with the ball.

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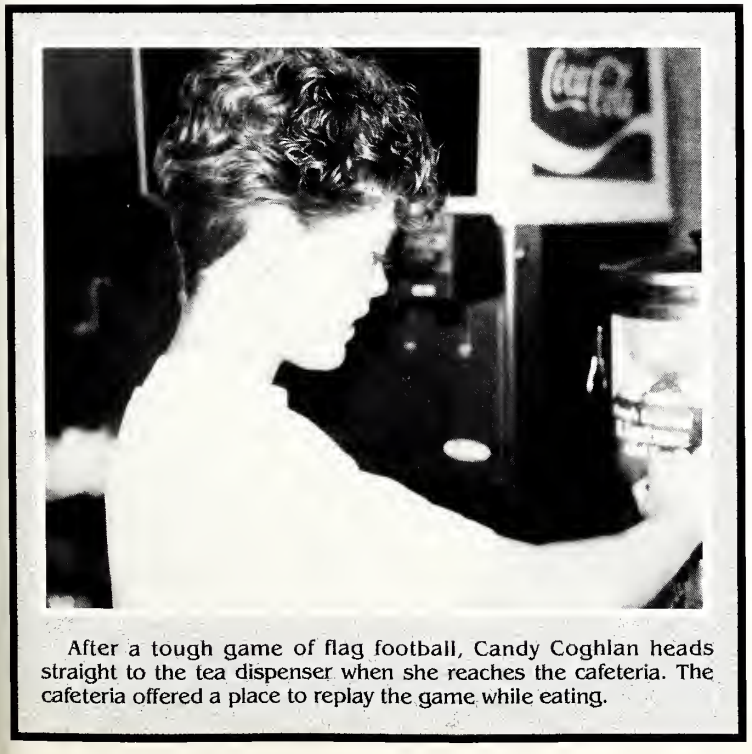

After a tough game of flag football, Candy Coghlan heads straight to the tea dispenser when she reaches the cafeteria. The cafeteria offered a place to replay the game while eating.

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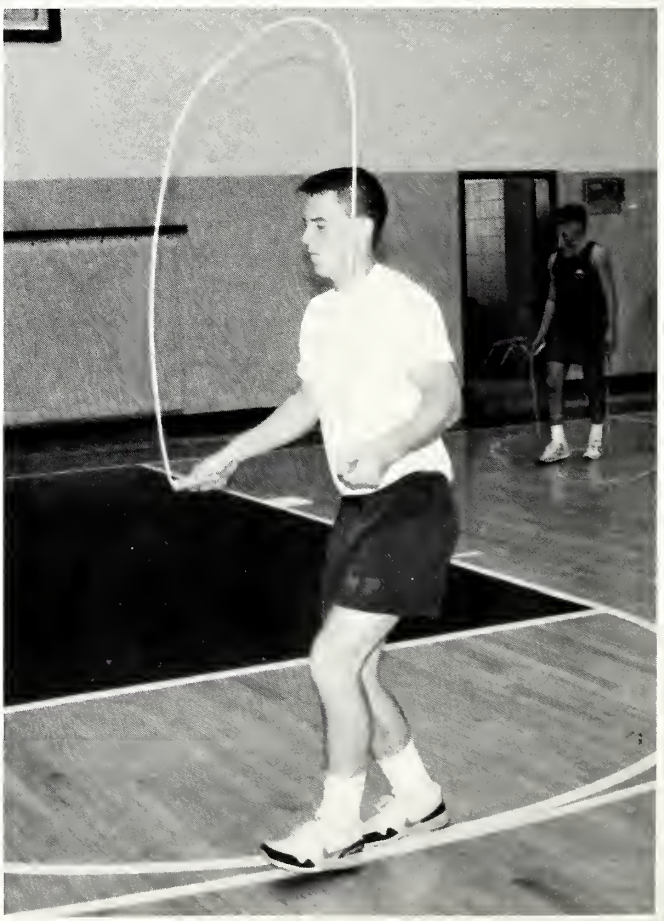
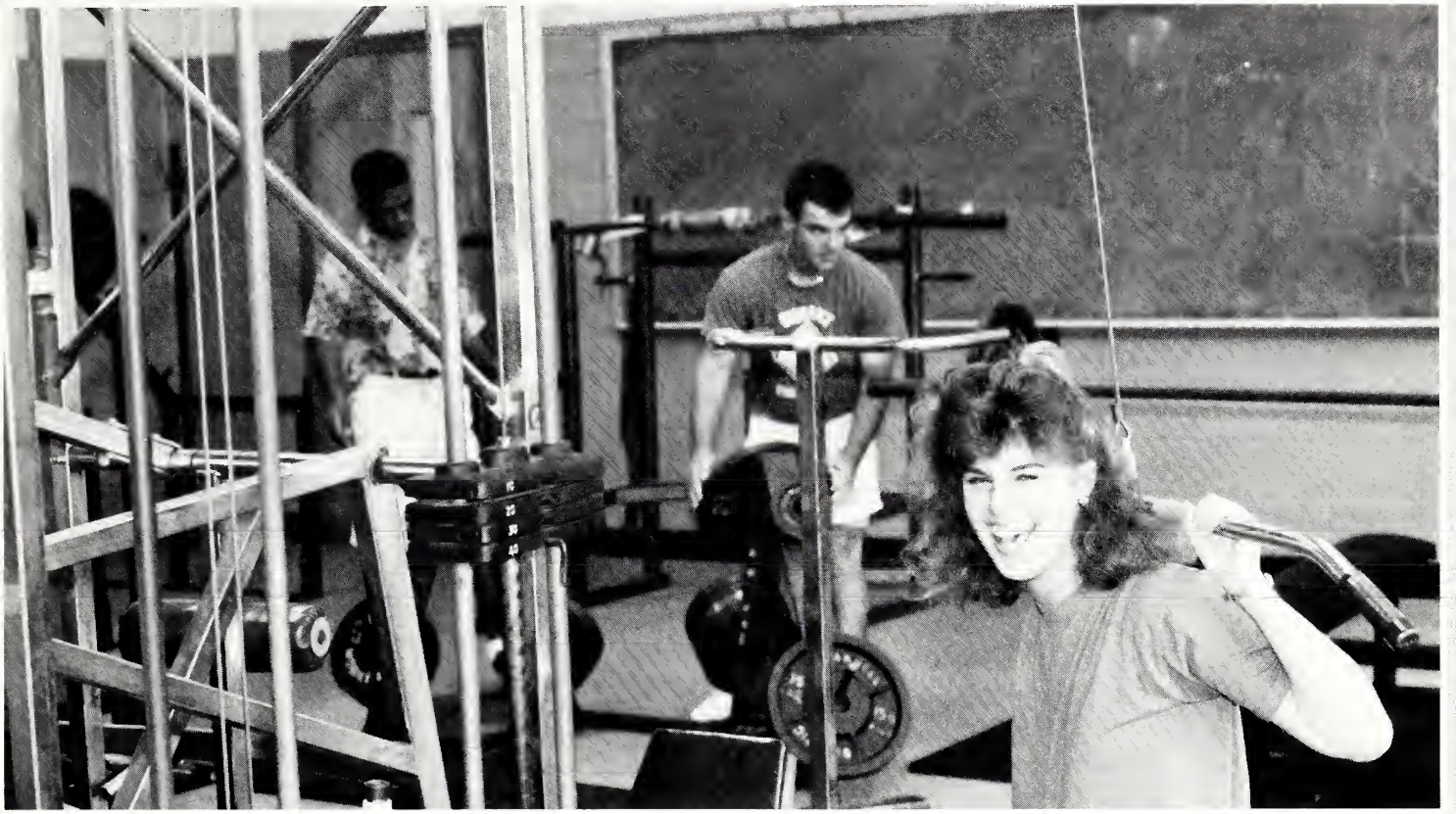


Sophomore Pete Porter from Morton, the kicker on the Warrior football team, jumps rope in a Physical Fitness class.

EC's Most Beautiful Girl Christina Wood shows the way to keep in shape as she works out on the weight machine. Fellow classmates Alex Hoye and Scott Rider are in the background.



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There were times when we thought we couldn't do it. There were times when we didn't want to do it. There were times when we wanted to be doing other things!

Sometimes we sat on the stairs and despaired. Inspiration wouldn't come; the pictures weren't ready; and Mrs. Vickers' mood wasn't all that great.

But, in the end, when the deadlines approached, we put it all together, got our priorities in order, and went to work.

So, after the final deadline, we walked out on the campus, took some layout sheets, and had our own little celebration. It is our hope that ten or twenty years from now when you thumb through this book, you will enjoy pleasant memories of what we believe was truly a golden year at East Central Community College.

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